

Who Is This Jesus?

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Jesus Christ is the one true King, who has kingdom authority to calm storms, cleanse the defiled, and cast out demons, which proves that He is Lord of both the physical and spiritual realm. Seeing Jesus for who He really is leads to one of two responses, fear or faith. Make Jesus Lord of your life!

I. Lord of the Physical Realm – Read Mark 4:35-41

- A. What are all the different ways in which the windstorm is highlighted to be a massive storm?

- B. After Jesus is awakened, He says, “Peace! Be still!” and the wind and the waves are calmed. As you think about it, what is all the evidence in these verses that highlight Jesus is God?

- C. Why do you think the disciples are still terrified after Jesus calms the storm?

- D. In what areas of your life are you tempted to respond in fear and not faith? How is it helpful to know that Jesus is all-powerful and therefore brings storms into our lives to grow our faith?

II. Lord of the Spiritual Realm – Read Mark 5:1-20

- A. What stands out to you with regard to the way the Gerasene demoniac is described? In what ways is the power of the demon-possessed man emphasized in verses 1-5?

- B. As you consider the interaction between the demon-possessed man and Jesus, what are all the different ways in which Jesus’ mercy and authority is highlighted?

- C. In verse 14, the herdsmen fled and informed the people of what had happened to the demoniac. Why do you think the townspeople are afraid of Jesus and beg Him to depart from their region?

- D. What stands out to you with regard to the healed man’s response to Jesus?

III. Lord of Your Life – Application

- A. On the basis of Ephesians 6:10-12, how would like to grow in having a balanced orientation to spiritual warfare, knowing it exists and yet trusting that Christ has authority over the spiritual?

- B. How are the townspeople helpful in making sure you have an appropriate fear of Jesus? In what ways can you protect yourself against the worries of the world and the deceitfulness of riches?

- C. As a result of God’s mercy in his life (v.19), the healed man immediately goes out and proclaims how much Jesus had done for him (v.20). How can you cultivate this orientation to evangelism in your life, that it would truly be the natural overflow of your heart to speak of Jesus?