

Mark: The Good News of the Son of God

## Do Not Fear... Sunday: 02/11/24 - Lenard Tavernelli - Mark 4:35-5:43

*“Do not fear but confidently trust in Jesus, who has compassion and all power to save and restore God’s peace.”*

### Overview

In this week’s message Pastor Lenard covered Jesus’ calming of the sea, the dramatic healing of the demon possessed man, the healing of the woman, and the raising of Jarius’ daughter. From this part of Mark’s narrative, we learn four reasons that we can trust Jesus. In the calming of the sea, we saw a contrast between the peace of Jesus and the fear of the disciples. In the healing of the demon possessed man we saw the unclean man become clean and the power of Jesus over the spiritual realm. In the healing of the woman in the crowd we see the exercise of a woman’s faith and Jesus give a peace that no one was able to offer. The passage culminates as Jesus defeats death as he raised Jarius’ daughter from her death bed. In these stories of our savior’s work we learn that we need not fear what the world throws at us, we have a God who is in control; a God we in whom we can have confidence.

### Outline

Do not fear but confidently trust Jesus because:

- 1) Jesus, the Almighty Maker is with you. (4:35-41)
- 2) Jesus, the Son of the Most High God is victorious. (5:1-20)
- 3) Jesus, the compassionate Savior can give you peace. (5:21-34)
- 4) Jesus, the Life-Giver, has conquered death. (5:35-43)

### Corroborating Texts:

Isaiah 41:20, Psalm 65:5-7, Psalm 89:9, Psalm 107:29, Leviticus 15:25, John 14:27, Isaiah 53:5,

### Discussion Questions

1. As part of the close to Pastor Lenard’s sermon he stated: “How do you overcome fear? You overcome fear with fear of the Lord.
  - a. What are some of the fears in life that you experience?
  - b. How does the Gospel address our fears?
  - c. How would you put Pastor Lenard’s statement in your own words? How would you explain this to someone?
2. The story of the demon possessed man raises the question about spiritual activity today. Pastor Lenard even warned us “do not mess with the occult.” This man harmed himself, Pastor Lenard pointed out that in this the demons are vandalizing the image of God.
  - a. What can we see as the purpose of the story of the healing of this possessed man?
  - b. In this story we saw the image of God vandalized and restored. What are ways we see man, as the image of God being vandalized today?
3. Contrast the disciple’s reaction to Jesus and the demon possessed man’s response to Jesus. What was the difference?
  - a. Who are you more like? How have you responded to Jesus’ work in your life?
  - b. In what ways do you need to be obedient to the commission of Jesus?
4. Did anything else stand out in the sermon?