

Declare What the Lord Has Done for You!

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- Mark has shown us confrontations between Jesus and the other kingdoms
- We have seen many responses to Jesus' ministry... why?
- We've seen 3 parables which help us understand God's Kingdom
- Mark now showing 3 vignettes about who Jesus is...

Jesus Crosses the Sea

- Continuation from Storm on the sea... now at the other side
- Steps out of boat... immediately there met Him...

How Evil Impacts

- Unable to be restrained... by physical means
- We likewise are unable to restrain evil by rules (law)^{Gal3:3}
- Gospel is key – the problem is not behavior but heart^{Mk7:20-23}
- Gospel faith saves us and sanctifies us^{Rm1:16-17}
- Remember faith in Gospel changes our hearts^{Eph2:1-5}

Evil is Never Acceptable

- Evil (anything against God) is always destructive^{5:5}
- Beware of renaming or covering evil - don't be fooled
- We must be vigilant against evil with Word^{2Pt1:3ff;Rm10:17;Ps119:9}
- Use prayer & Word to grow faith - *A Simple Way to Pray*^{Luther}

Evil Confronts Jesus

- Falling down was not worshiping, it was a confrontation
- Spirits attempted to 'control' Jesus by using His name
- Spirits had to obey Jesus because of who He was:
 - Jesus defeated temptations^{Mk1:12}
 - Jesus entered strong man's house^{Mk3:27}
 - This event looks to Cross where Satan defeated^{Col2:13-15}
- Never forget that Jesus' work:
 - saved you from penalty of sin by his life & death
 - is saving you from the power of sin by His resurrection
 - will save you from the presence of sin when Jesus returns
- Celebrate faith in Gospel to overcome power of sin!

Never Forget the Freedom of the Gospel

- Remember Evil creates chaos, destruction & death^{Mk5:13}
- Evil spirits destroy pigs and themselves

Remember You Have Been Rescued - Purpose of Gospel!

- Town was afraid - asked Jesus to leave - scared of change
- Man wants to accompany Jesus
- Jesus commands the man to STAY^{5:19-20}
- We likewise are left in this fallen world to proclaim what the Lord has done for you and how He has had mercy on you!
- Let the Table remind you of who you are!

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