

Who Then is This?

Mark 4:35-5:43

Main Idea

Jesus has authority over all things.

Overview

- · Jesus has authority over nature
 - Wind & Sea Obey Him
 - Old Testament testifies to the fact that only God can do such things (i.e. Ps. 65:5-7; 89:9; 104:5-7)
- Jesus has authority over the Kingdom of Darkness
 - o Demons adjure, beg, and seek permission from Him
 - Demons cower at His feet and recognize Him as the Son of the Most High God
 - o At the command of His voice, the Demons obey
 - There is no battle, negotiation, etc.

Jesus has authority over sickness

- Woman was bleeding for 12 years
- o She believes He can heal her, then touches
- Jesus said it was her faith that healed her (not just touching Him)

· Jesus has authority over death

- o Jairus believes Jesus can heal his sick (soon to be dead) daughter
- o On the way it is found out she dies and is told not to bother Jesus (lack of faith)
- Jesus calls Jairus to faith
- o At the command of His voice, Jairus' daughter rises

Authority of Jesus & Faith in that particular Jesus...applications

- Authority
 - Causes us to have hope
 - In each story everyone was hopeless
 - Jesus brought hope to each one
 - Causes us to be thankful
 - Each story the persons were immensely thankful because they knew their desperation
 - When we understand our true state, we see what Christ delivered us from on Cross
 - <u>Confidence</u> over sin & Kingdom of Darkness

- From uncleanness of Legion to Demons, Jesus commands them all
- We can live in confidence that they are all defeated if we are in Christ
- Demands our obedience
 - All will bow the knee to Jesus, some willingly, others unwillingly

Faith

- Either we have it or we don't
- Come to Jesus believing
- Have faith & hold up your lamp on the lamp stand like the Demoniac
- Have faith like the Bleeding woman & though you are in tribulation you believe He will make you well
- Have faith like Jairus, though the crowds tell you there is no need for Jesus, you believe

Questions

- 1. Who are some "authority" figures in your life and how do you live in their midst?
- 2. What does it say to you that Jesus has such extreme authority?
- 3. What does it say about the Cross?
- 4. With whom do you most identify in the stories of our text & how does their faith (or lack thereof) encourage you?
- 5. Discuss what the author is doing from a Biblical interpretational method? How can you learn from this in studying your own Bible?