

Sunday — May 28, 2023

1. Capernaum

Mark 4: 35 – 40 (NLT)

³⁵ As evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake."

³⁶ So they took Jesus in the boat and started out, leaving the crowds behind (although other boats followed).

³⁷ But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water. ³⁸ Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, "Teacher, don't you care that we're going to drown?"

³⁹ When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Silence! Be still!"

Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ Then he asked them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

⁴¹ The disciples were absolutely terrified. **"Who is this man?"** they asked each other. **"Even the wind and waves obey him!"**

Another account when the disciples were on the Sea of Galilee...

Matthew 14: 32 & 33 (NLT)

When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped. ³³ Then the disciples worshiped him. **"You really are the Son of God!"** they exclaimed.

They had seen Water – Wine...

Healing Leprosy... Blindness...

Lameness...

Job 9: 4, 8, & 10 (NLT)

For God is so wise and so mighty. Who has ever challenged him successfully?

⁸ He alone has spread out the heavens and **marches on the waves of the sea.**

¹⁰ He does great things too marvelous to understand. He performs countless miracles.

Who walks on Water?

Psalms 107: 26 - (NLT)

Their ships were tossed to the heavens and plunged again to the depths; the sailors cringed in terror. ²⁷ They reeled and staggered like drunkards and were at their wits' end.

²⁸ "LORD, help!" they cried in their trouble, and he saved them from their

distress.

²⁹ **He calmed the storm to a whisper and stilled the waves.**

³⁰ *What a blessing was that stillness as he brought them safely into harbor!*

³¹ *Let them praise the LORD for his great love and for the wonderful things he has done for them. ³² Let them exalt him publicly before the congregation and before the leaders of the nation.*

Mark 1: 21 & 22 (NLT)

Jesus and his companions went to the town of Capernaum. When the Sabbath day came, he went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²² The people were amazed at his teaching, for he taught with real authority—quite unlike the teachers of religious law.

²³ *Suddenly, a man in the synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, ²⁴ “Why are you interfering with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are — the Holy One of God!”*

²⁵ *But Jesus reprimanded him. “Be quiet! Come out of the man,” he ordered.*

²⁶ *At that, the evil spirit screamed, threw the man into a convulsion, and then came out of him. ²⁷ Amazement gripped the audience, and they began to discuss what had happened. “What sort of new teaching is this?” they asked excitedly. “It has such authority! Even evil spirits obey his orders!”*

Matthew 12: 22 – 29 (NLT)

Then a demon-possessed man, who was blind and couldn’t speak, was brought to Jesus. He healed the man so that he could both speak and see.

²³ *The crowd was amazed and asked, “Could it be that Jesus is the Son of David, the Messiah?”*

²⁴ *But when the Pharisees heard about the miracle, they said, “No wonder he can cast out demons. He gets his power from Satan, the prince of demons.”*

²⁵ *Jesus knew their thoughts and replied, “Any kingdom divided by civil war is doomed. A town or family splintered by feuding will fall apart. ²⁶ And if Satan is casting out Satan, he is divided and fighting against himself. His own kingdom will not survive. ²⁷ And if I am empowered by Satan, what about your own exorcists? They cast out demons, too, so they will condemn you for what you have said. ²⁸ But if I am casting out demons by the Spirit of God, then the Kingdom of God has arrived among you. ²⁹ For who is powerful enough to enter the house of a strong man and plunder his goods? Only someone even stronger—someone who could tie him up and then plunder his house.*

Let’s go the other side...

3. Map

4. Church @ Kursi

5. Cliff @ Gergesa

Mark 5: 1 – (NLT)

So they arrived at the other side of the lake, in the region of the Gerasenes. ² When Jesus climbed out of the boat, a man possessed by an evil spirit came out from the tombs to meet him. ³ This man **lived in the burial caves** and could no longer be restrained,

even with a chain. ⁴ Whenever he was put into chains and shackles—as he often was—he snapped the chains from his wrists and smashed the shackles. No one was strong enough to subdue him. ⁵ Day and night he wandered among the burial caves and in the hills, howling and **cutting himself with sharp stones.**

⁶ When Jesus was still some distance away, the man saw him, ran to meet him, and bowed low before him.

⁷ With a shriek, he screamed, “Why are you interfering with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In the name of God, I beg you, don’t torture me!”

⁸ For Jesus had already said to the spirit, “Come out of the man, you evil spirit.”

⁹ Then Jesus demanded, “What is your name?”

And he replied, “My name is Legion, because there are many of us inside this man.” ¹⁰ Then the evil spirits begged him again and again not to send them to some distant place. ¹¹ **There happened to be a large herd of pigs** feeding on the hillside nearby. ¹² “Send us into those pigs,” the spirits begged. “Let us enter them.” ¹³ So Jesus gave them permission. The evil spirits came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the entire herd of about 2,000 pigs plunged down the steep hillside into the lake and drowned in the water. ¹⁴ The herdsmen fled to the nearby town and the surrounding countryside, spreading the news as they ran. People rushed out to see what had happened. ¹⁵ A crowd soon gathered around Jesus, and they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons. He was sitting there fully clothed and perfectly sane, and they were all afraid. ¹⁶ Then those who had seen what happened told the others about the demon-possessed man and the pigs. ¹⁷ And the crowd began pleading with Jesus to go away and leave them alone. ¹⁸ As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon possessed begged to go with him. ¹⁹ But Jesus said, “No, go home to your family, and tell them everything the Lord has done for you and how merciful he has been.” ²⁰ So the man started off to visit the Ten Towns of that region and began to proclaim the great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed at what he told them.