

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **Mark 5:35-43.**
- B. God's Servant, JC, is the Master of every situation and the Conqueror of every enemy.
- C. We must learn to trust Him, by following His orders, and never be afraid.
- D. Four miracles in the life of X, show His victory over forces that are against us.

I. VICTORY OVER DANGER.

- A. See **Mk. 4:35-41.**
- B. Did Jesus know that the storm was coming? Of course He did! The storm was part of the day's curriculum for the apostles. The lesson to be learned was: *Jesus can be trusted in the storms of life.*
- C. Many people have the idea that storms come to their lives only when they have disobeyed God, but this is not always the case. Jonah ended up in a storm because of his disobedience, but the apostles got into a storm because of their obedience to the Lord.
- D. There were at least 3 good reasons why the men of the ship should not have been disturbed:
 - 1. They had X's promise that they were going to the other side (4:35). His commandments are His enabling and nothing can hinder the working out of His plans.
 - 2. The Lord Himself was with them, so what was there to fear? These men did not yet understand that Jesus was the Master of every situation.
 - 3. They could observe that Jesus was perfectly at peace, even in the midst of the storm. Jesus could sleep because He knew He was secure in the will of God.
- E. How often in the trials of life we are prone to imitate the faithless disciples and cry out, "Lord, don't you care?" The greatest danger was not the wind or the waves; it was the unbelief in the hearts of the disciples. *Our greatest problems are w/in us, not around us.* This explains why Jesus gently rebuked them and called them "men of little faith."

II. VICTORY OVER DEMONS.

- A. See **Mk. 5:1-20.**
- B. We see in this scene three different forces at work: Satan, society, and the Savior.
 - 1. Satan. We see in this story what Satan can do to people. Satan is a thief whose ultimate purpose is to destroy (Jo. 10:10; Rev. 9:11). Never under estimate the destructive power of Satan. He is our enemy and would destroy all of us if he could. Like a roaring lion, he seeks to devour us (1Pet. 5:8-9).
 - 2. Society. Society was at work on these men, but was not able to do very much. Often, these demonics, had been chained but the demons had given them strength to break the chains. Even the attempts to tame these men had failed. With all of its wonderful scientific achievements, society still cannot cope w/the problems caused by Satan and sin.
 - 3. The Savior. What did JC do for these men? To begin with, He graciously came to them in love, and even went through a storm to do it. In the midst of crisis, turmoil, and uncertainty, Jesus came in calm assurance that He could make a difference in the young man's life. He wants to enter our chaotic world and do the same thing.

III. VICTORY OVER DISEASE.

- A. See **Mk. 5:21-34.**
- B. The contrast between these two needy people is striking and reveals the wideness of X's love and mercy.

1. Jarius was an important synagogue officer.
The woman was an anonymous “nobody.”
 2. Jarius was about to lose a daughter who had given him happiness for 12 years.
The woman was about to lose an affliction that brought her 12 years of sorrow.
 3. Jarius was probably a wealthy man, but his money could not save his daughter.
The woman was bankrupt, she spent all she had on doctors w/o getting well.
 4. *But both Jarius and the woman found the answers to their needs in Jesus!*
- C. The woman was not only physically hurting, but according to the Law, unclean. Her illness restricted her physical, religious, and social life.
- D. She might have even gave up thinking that Jesus was going to Jarius’ house and would not have time for her. But Jesus feels our hurt, and when we reach out for Him, He is there no matter the circumstances.

IV. VICTORY OVER DEATH.

- A. See **Mk. 5:35-43**.
- B. It was not easy for Jarius to come to Jesus publicly and ask for His help. The religious leaders who were opposed to Jesus would certainly not approve, nor would some of the other synagogue leaders. But Jarius was desperate, as many people are when they come to Jesus. He would rather lose his friends and save his beloved daughter.
- C. It was our Lord’s words that made the difference:
1. The word of faith (5:36). Faith is the answer to fear and worry. Good mental health doesn’t come from a book or pill; it can come from knowing X. Jesus did not come directly to heal Jarius’ daughter. Rather, He stopped along the way to heal the woman. But, “Don’t quit, keep on believing” Jarius. It would have been easy to quit, thinking that Jesus missed the opportunity to heal this little girl.
 2. The word of hope (5:39). X has the power over death. So much so, it is as easy for Jesus to raise the dead, as it is for one to awaken those who sleep. Death is manageable if we can think of it as sleep (not permanent separation). To the believer, death is only sleep; for the body rests until the moment of resurrection (1Th. 4:13-18).
 3. The word of love and power (5:41). This is not intended to be a magic formula by which anyone might try to raise the dead. Jesus said, “I say to you.” It was by Jesus’ the power that this little girl’s spirit returned to her. Be comforted by that fact that Jesus has spoken to you in His word and this overrules the world.
- D. This passage, and my teaching today, does not mean that God always rescues His people from danger (see Ac. 12) or heals every affliction (see 2Cor. 12:1-10); but it does mean that He holds the ultimate authority and that we need never fear. We are “more than conquerors through Him who loved us” (Rom. 8:37).

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. Remember the four things over which Jesus has victory:
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| 1. Danger. | 3. Disease. |
| 2. Demons. | 4. Death. |
- B. Jesus is God’s power Servant, Who wants to work “miracles” in your life.
- C. Plan of salvation for non-Xians, erring Xians.