

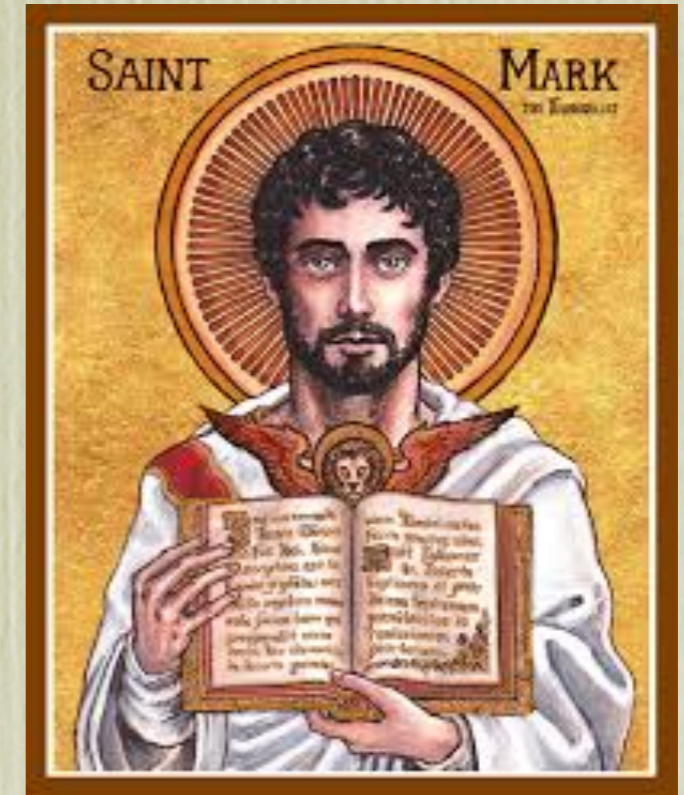
10. Mark 4:35 - 6:6

The Power of Incarnate Love

2. Pondering, Sharing



1. Pondering,
Sharing



3. Sharing with people
who had never met
Jesus!

BOOK ONE

THE GOSPEL OF JESUS THE MESSIAH

PART TWO : GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

Part A. Mark 3:7 - 4:34 (09)

Part B. Mark 4:35 - 6:6

Mark 4:35 - 5:43

In their attempt to communicate the significance of Jesus to their Jewish brothers and sisters, the Christian community portrays Jesus as the perfect fulfilment of the faith of Israel.

They do so in the dramatic story-telling tradition of the Older Testament.

In Jesus we see that

1. External chaos cannot separate us from God's love
2. Internal chaos cannot separate us from God's love
3. Sickness and Death cannot separate us from God's love

In Jesus, God the Creator and Redeemer
is offering Salvation

Romans 8:31-39

‘If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ...

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ...

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that

neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come ... nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.’

Mark 4:35-36

On that day, when evening had come, he says to them,
“Let us go across to the other side.” (Gentile region: ‘unclean!’)
And leaving the crowd behind, they take him with them
in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him.



1. Mark 4:37-38

A great windstorm arises, (Chaos Genesis 1:2; Genesis 6-9)
and the waves were hurling themselves upon the boat,
so that the boat was already being swamped. (Roman persecution!)
But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion;
and they wake him up and say to him,
“*Teacher*, do you not care that we are perishing?” (Psalm 44:23-26)



Mark 4:39-41

Jesus woke up and rebuked the wind,

(Psalm 104:7; 106:9 - rebuked the Red Sea)

and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” (see 1:25 in the synagogue)

Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm.



He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?”

And they were filled with great awe and said to one another,

“Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

Some went down to the sea in ships,

Psalm 107:23 -32

doing business on the mighty waters;

they saw the deeds of the Lord, his wondrous works in the deep.

For he commanded and raised the stormy wind,

which lifted up the waves of the sea.

They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths;

their courage melted away in their calamity;

they reeled and staggered like drunkards, and were at their wits' end.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,

and he brought them out from their distress;

he made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.

Then they were glad because they had quiet,

and he brought them to their desired haven.

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,

for his wonderful works to humankind.

Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,

and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

2. Mark 5:1-5

They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes.

(Gerasa is 30 miles southeast of the lake)

And when he had stepped out of the boat, immediately a man out of the tombs with an **unclean spirit** met him. He lived among the tombs; and no one could restrain him any more, even with a chain; for he had often been restrained with shackles and chains, but the chains he wrenched apart, and the shackles he broke in pieces; and no one had the strength to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always howling and bruising himself with stones.



Mark 5:6-10

When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before him; and he shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me.” For he had said to him, “Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!” (see 1:23-24)

Then Jesus asks him, “What is your name?” He replied, “My name is Legion; for we are many.” He begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country.

2. Mark 5:11-17

Now there on the hillside a great herd of **swine** (unclean, Leviticus 11:7) was feeding; and the unclean spirits begged him, “Send us into the swine; let us enter them.” So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the swine; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and were drowned in the sea.

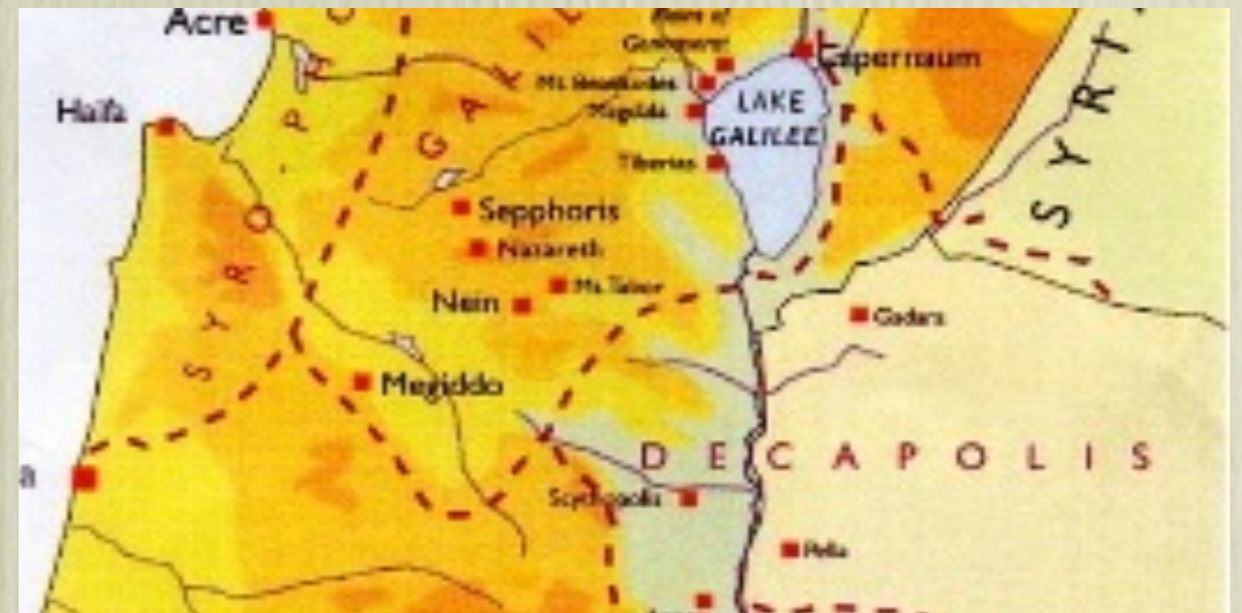
The swineherds ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came to see what it was that had happened. They come to Jesus and see the demoniac sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the legion; and they were afraid. Those who had seen what had happened to the demoniac and to the swine reported it. They began to beg Jesus to leave their neighbourhood.

2. Mark 5:18-20

As he was getting into the boat,
the man who had been possessed by demons
begged him that he might be **with him**. (compare 3:17)

But Jesus refused, and says to him,
“Go home to your friends, and tell them how much
the Lord (compare 1:3; 2:28) has done for you,
and what mercy he has shown you.”

And he went away and began to proclaim
in the Decapolis
how much Jesus had done for him;
and everyone was amazed.



3. Mark 5:21-24

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea.

Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus comes and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begs him repeatedly,

“My little daughter is at the point of death.

Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well (‘saved’), and live.”

So he went with him.

Mark 5:25-29

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood (Leviticus 15:19; death where life should be) for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.

3. Mark 5:30-34

Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?”

And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” He looked all around to see who had done it.

But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth.

He said to her, “Daughter, **your faith has made you well;** go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”



3. Mark 5:35-37

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say,

“Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?”

But overhearing what they said, Jesus says to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only **believe.**” (see 5:34)

He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. (Transfiguration, 9:22; Agony 14:33)

3. Mark 5:38-40

When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he sees a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he says to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and goes in where the child was.

3. Mark 5:41-43

Taking her by the hand he says to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, rise up!” (same verb used for the resurrection, 16:6) And immediately the girl rose up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. (see 16:8) He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.



Romans 8:31-39

‘If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ...

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ...

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that

neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come ... nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.’

Mark 6:1-3

Rejected by the Jewish Leaders

Jesus left that place and comes to his hometown,
and his disciples follow him.

On the **sabbath** he began to teach in the synagogue,
and many who heard him were astounded. They said,

“Where did this man get all this?

What is this wisdom that has been given to him?

What deeds of power are being done by his hands!

Is not this the carpenter (τέκτων - builder), the son of Mary
and **brother** of James and Joses and Judas and Simon,
and are not his **sisters** here with us?”

And they took offence at him.

Mark 6:4-6

Rejected by the Jewish Leaders

Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honour, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.”

And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them.

HE WAS AMAZED AT THEIR UNBELIEF.