

KING FOR ALL #17

Luke's Gospel



Authority - Luke 8:22-39

A. SERMON POINTS

1. Chaos to calm
2. Raving to right mind
3. Maniac to Missionary

B. DISCUSSION STARTER

Have you ever been in a, humanly-speaking, impossible situation? What happened?

C. FROM THE BIBLE

What tells us that on both occasions Jesus was dealing with, humanly-speaking, impossible situations? (v23-24, 27, 29)

How did Jesus calm the storm and exorcise the demons? (v24, 29)

Notice in each case the response of fear. (v25, 35, 37) Why were they afraid? Why is an element of fear, or rather RESPECT, a right response to Jesus? Cf. Proverbs 9:10

What is the devil's ultimate intention for people? Cf. v33, John 10:10

(v38-39) Why did Jesus not want the man to come with him?

Additional notes

Demon-possession:

Demons have the ability to possess people and then greatly, negatively influence their lives. Christians cannot be demon-possessed as the Holy Spirit is within them and He is absolutely more powerful. Christians can however be tempted by the devil.

Exorcism:

Nowhere in the New Testament letters (which deal with the Christian life) are Christians instructed to cast out demons. Jesus and his apostles cast out demons to demonstrate that God's Kingdom was breaking into the world and that they were approved messengers of this Kingdom. Rather, Christians are instructed to pray for people and speak the gospel to people. If we do encounter a demon-possessed person, the right response would be to pray and ask God to free them. We should also speak the Gospel to them so that they may come to put their trust in Jesus and receive the Holy Spirit.

D. IMPLICATIONS FOR ME

Who is Jesus? Cf. v25, 28, 39

Are you dealing with a, humanly-speaking, impossible situation?
What's the lesson for you?

How could you be a missionary in your current circumstances and sphere of influence?

Ask one or two group members to share their testimony.

E. PRAYER SUGGESTION

Please pray for our Church Care ministry, seeking to support those in our church family who are sick, bereaved or in need. Pray for wisdom as they share the love of Christ in practical ways.