

At the Feet of Jesus

Mark 5:21-43

Into the Lesson:

Although it's not the "frequent flyer miles" Paul would stack up later, what stands out to you in the brief trips Jesus and the Disciples make as detailed in Mark 4:35-5:43?

- The sudden and violent nature of storms on the Sea of Galilee-
- The less than friendly response by those "on the other side"-
- The ex-fishermen in the group who may have thought they were done with boats-
- The large crowds that await Him (v.21)-

Into the Word:

As you reread Mark 5:21-43, mark the beginning of the first event, the interruption and response and then the continuation of the first event.

As Sam pointed out two weeks ago, Jesus doesn't calm "all the storms", but how are these two events "major storms" for those involved?

Although not the priest, what does Jairus risk by approaching Jesus for help (vv. 22-23)?

But before Jesus can respond vv. 25-34 happens:

In addition to Mark 5:26 how does Leviticus 15:19-33 provide a thorough picture of what this woman has been going through for the last twelve years?

Responding to Sam's remark of, "Jesus being fully human", spend some time pondering what it must have felt like to have felt the "power had gone out from Him".

How does this reminder of His humanity help you to process His divinity?

What impact will the "calming of her storm" have for this daughter of God?

After reading Hebrews 4:14-16, respond to Sam's declaration, "Our fear of our circumstances are overcome by our identity as Sons and Daughters of the Most High King."

But the storms are still raging for Jairus, (vv.35-43)-

How would verse 35 be like being struck by a Sunami?

How is the response of those gathered (v.40) like the Disciples response in verse 31?

By way of review, reread those who fell at Jesus' feet and those who didn't then comment on the irony of verse 43:

Mark 4:39-

Mark 4:41-

Mark 5:6 -

Mark 5:23 -

Mark 5:33 -

Into Life:

What are the indications that a large portion of our culture has asked the question Sam asks.... "Why bother God anymore?"

We may not be able to calm storms, cast out demons, heal the sick or raise the dead but how can we:

- Help others who feel they are being overwhelmed by the storms of life-
- Are dealing with the "demons" of bad choices-
- Have illness, mental or physical, that doesn't seem to be curable-
- Are dealing with the loss of loved ones-

How can we begin to realize the same "power" that was leaving Jesus is available to us through the Holy Spirit to change our lives and the lives of those we encounter?

...*"Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you."*
-Mark 5:19