



Dear Friends,

This Sunday, **we're back in Mark's Gospel**. Our passage is Mark 4:35-6:6. It's a long passage that consists of four stories. What struck me as I read the passage is Jesus' power. His is no ordinary power. Jesus has divine power. He has authority over pounding waves and wild storms. He overcomes evil spirits. Jesus heals people of incurable diseases and brings the dead to life. Only God does stuff like that. Jesus' mighty acts demonstrate that he is God's king. His deeds prove God's rule is intruding into a world that is tragically characterized by natural disasters like flood and fire, by spiritually dark forces, by chronic illness, incurable diseases and death.

What also struck me is that these stories don't only display God's awesome power. They demonstrate his immeasurable love. **Jesus calms a stormy sky and raging sea to restore order to a chaotic creation**. He commands an impure spirit to leave a man so that he can know the peace and joy of being free from bondage to sin. He heals a woman of an incurable disease, and in the process, brings her into his family. Finally, he restores a father's dead daughter to life.

Jesus reveals that God isn't just all-powerful. He is love itself. He exercises his power so that we can be his and be with him always. That's what it means to call God our Saviour. The cross of Christ is the supreme expression of God's saving power. **At the cross, King Jesus is mighty to save**. By his death, King Jesus also displays his boundless love. King Jesus exercises his almighty power by taking our sin upon himself, suffering in our place, and dying for us, so that we are freed from sin's guilt and power and brought into God's kingdom where we will be with him forever.

God Bless
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