

Jesus the Victor

Jesus Christ the Victor: His Earthly Validation

Key idea:

Jesus has shown that we can trust Him by displaying His victorious power over demons, disease and death.

Key text:

Mark 5:8, 12-13, 27-29, 33-34, 40-42

8 For Jesus had said to him, “Come out of this man, you impure spirit!”... 12 The demons begged Jesus, “Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them.” 13 He gave them permission, and the impure spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned....

27 When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, 28 because she thought, “If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.” 29 Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering....

33 Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. 34 He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.”...

40 ... After he put them all out, he took the child’s father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was.

41 He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha koum!” (which means “Little girl, I say to you, get up!”). 42 Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished.

Key points:

1. Jesus is more powerful than anyone or anything, and He demonstrates that by defeating demons, disease and death.

2. Though we are no match for Satan and his demons in our own strength, Christians have no need to fear them because of Jesus' power over them. Our sinful nature prevents us from loving God and our neighbor as we are commanded, and produces sin in every area of our lives.
3. Christians do not need to fear diseases because they are all under Jesus' control.
4. Christians have no need to fear death, since it is under Jesus' control and we will be free from death in His presence throughout eternity.
5. Jesus' victory over these three opponents validates His claim to truly be the Son of God.

Questions for discussion/application:

1. What part of Sunday's teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. How does Jesus' victory over demons, disease and death validate His claims to be the Son of God?
3. Did these encounters fully answer the disciples' question from the previous chapter: "Who is this?" Why or why not?
4. How can these victories of Jesus help you when you face difficulty circumstances in your life?
5. One way we can apply this teaching is to abandon our fears and trust Jesus to be with us and in control in the most difficult times. Are there specific areas in your life that the Holy Spirit want you to trust Him in?
6. Christians have no need to fear, but can live with an inner peace. Have you ever come to Jesus Christ for His salvation?
7. Can you think of someone with whom you can share what you have learned this week? Pray for them and ask God to open a door for you to share about the Gospel of God's grace, and invite them to a meeting.
8. Who will I call to encourage this week? What specific members of BRCC will I commit before God to call?