

Improved Uniform International LESSON

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JESUS USES HIS POWER TO HELP

LESSON TEXT—Mark 4:35-41; 5:25-34.
GOLDEN TEXT—Why are ye so fearful? Now is it that ye have no faith?—Mark 4:40.

Help—that is what man needs, and nothing but the power of Christ will suffice to meet his fears and sorrows. Christ appears in Mark as not only the matchless Teacher of the parables we have just studied, but the mighty Worker.

This is the Gospel in which Christ is presented as the Servant of Jehovah, who came to use His infinite grace and power for our deliverance. Two great fears gnaw at the vitals of man's existence. Life is full of awful dangers, and death is so dreadfully final and sorrowful. He is afraid to live, and afraid to die—afraid from his faith in Jesus Christ. We find the answer to both these fears as we here see—

Jesus' Power Overcomes I. Fear of Life's Dangers (Mark 4:35-41).

The long day of teaching had ended (v. 35), and the disciples carried out His request that they go to the other side of the lake to rest. Just "as he was" they departed, and before long the tired Jesus was asleep. We know how He felt, and what is even more blessed, He knows how we feel when we are tired.

As He slept, a sudden storm (common on the Lake of Galilee) brought deathly fear to the hearts of His disciples. For the moment they saw only the angry waves, the smallness of their boat, and the hopelessness of their situation.

Had they forgotten Jesus? With Him in the boat, they had no reason to fear. They called on Him, and in His majestic and authoritative "Peace be still" the wind and waves recognized their Master's voice.

Should we not learn that in this day of fears and alarms, we may (if we are Christians) count on His presence and His power. If we look at the overwhelming waves of circumstances and think how frail we are, surely our hearts shall fail us for fear. But if Christ is with us, we are in no danger.

Now they were struck with awe at His power. "Sometimes the deliverances wrought by our Lord so reveal His presence and power that His followers are more deeply moved than they were by the perils which threatened. Whether mastering the storm, or standing unseen in our midst today, He appears to the eye of faith, clothed in divine energy and power" (Erdman).

II. Fear of Death's Deep Sorrow (5:25-34).

Trouble is a visitor in every home. It does not matter how securely that home may be founded upon wealth or social position. Frequently, death chokes a shining mark in taking a dearly-loved child. Children strike their roots deep into our hearts, and when they are torn from us, our whole beings are rent and convulsed. Such was the great storm of sorrow which had come upon the home of Jairus, leading him to make the brave step of faith and hope which brought him to Jesus.

Then as Jesus turned to go with Jairus a woman touched Him. He stopped to seek her out and commend her for her faith. The seeming delay must have greatly troubled Jairus, particularly when the servants came and informed him that he need no longer trouble the Master since his daughter was dead. Not infrequently we have similar experiences, where it seems that while God has promised to help us, He has been turned aside and has forgotten us. The psalmist in Psalm 123 cries out: "My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?"

Our Lord was not troubled at all by the message of the servants of Jairus, but He showed His thoughtful consideration of the father by reassuring him with the words, "Fear not, only believe." Everywhere fear blocks the way of human peace and progress. Divine wisdom offers a remedy for it all—only believe. We excuse our lack of faith by the conditions which confront us, but none of us face conditions worse than those which confronted Jairus. His daughter was dead and he was told to believe. He obeyed and his faith was rewarded.

When He said, "The child is not dead, but asleep," our Lord did not mean that actual death had not taken place, but He meant that in the sight of God death is like a sleep. In the eyes of Christ spiritual death was undoubtedly far more terrible than physical death. A man may be physically alive and yet being spiritually dead be worse off than a man who, though physically dead, is spiritually alive.

After putting forth the mourning sorrows, the Lord performed a miracle by simply speaking to the child and saying, "Little girl, arise." Here then is the Lord who can overcome every fear, in both life and death. Is He not the one we need as our Saviour?

Creamed Comments On The Sunday School Lesson

There are three objects or functions of the miracles of Jesus; they were the signs or credentials of the Messiah; they were a symbol of spiritual healing and eternal salvation; they were expressions of His kindness—manifestations of God's holiness and love and power. It is the third one to which the lesson of today is applied.

V. 35. "And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side." By boat was the best way for Jesus to escape the multitude, who he addressed all day. Being subject to the weariness of body he obeyed the law of human nature by seeking rest for the night.

Vs. 36, 37. "And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were with him also other little ships. And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full." The disciples' boat was Christ's transport; the little ships may have been filled with passengers from the multitude anxious to be with the Lord. The storm made it a perilous journey; the very best people may encounter storms. How one acts in the storm is an index of character.

V. 38. "And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow; and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?" Here we have the secret of sound sleep, an active life a good conscience, and a complete trust in God. Calling on the Lord as the last resort is a very common practice but not a very laudable one.

V. 39. "And he arose and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace be still. And the wind ceased and there was a great calm." Here is seen the Lord's power over the physical, a suggestion of His power in the spiritual realm. God's will is that there should be peace and calmness. A moment before they had feared the storm; now they feared the conqueror of the storm. The power of God visibly expressed produces awe.

V. 35. "While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue a house certain, which said, Thy daughter is dead; why troublest thou the Master any further?" Christ delayed his response to hurry to Jairus' home because of his caring for the woman who had touched his garment; and now the servants in that home thought there was no use, no help in the Lord.

V. 36. "And as soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe." Comfort was promised on condition of faith. The goodness and the power of God have not yet been fathomed.

V. 37. "And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter and James and John the brother of James." He was the initiation of Christ's inner circle, those best fitted to understand and carry on his work.

Vs. 38, 39. "And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly. And

when he came in he saith to them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? The damsel is not dead, but sleepeth." The thought of "sleep" suggests an awakening. In the thought of the Lord physical death is not such a dreadful thing.

V. 40. "And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying." Those put out were unworthy to behold the sacred scene, and the noise they made was distracting. The work of God is not to make light of.

Vs. 41, 42. "And he took the damsel by the hand, and saith, Talitha cumi, which is being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee arise. And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with great astonishment." Here is a perfect expression of the Lord's tenderness, love and power.

C. 43. "And he charged them straightly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat." Jesus did not want the public excitement this miracle would produce. His physical power must not overshadow his spiritual power.



More than two million Protestant youth of the United States and Canada will observe Youth Week, Jan. 30-Feb. 6, according to Dr. Roy C. Ross, general secretary of the International Council of Religious Education. Sponsored by the United Christian Youth Movement, the observance will involve the participation of more than fifty thousand youth groups. The theme for Youth Week will be: "One Faith, One Fellowship." Community service projects in areas of special need "as a means of expressing Christian faith in friendly service" will be developed as an important feature of Youth Week activities in a number of communities.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church will launch at the beginning of this year a special campaign for a new social order. The purpose is an effort to develop, clarify, and mobilize the sentiment of all members of the church in favor of a righteous and lasting peace and a Christian world. During January eighty inspiration meetings have already been held in key cities at which time plans and methods were presented for achieving the purpose. House-to-house visitations and the writing of personal letters are a part of the plan.

The War Hasn't affected adversely church attendance in Germany for the past year according to reports received at Stockholm. Four hundred parishioners attend regularly out of 2,170. This may not look like a very good percentage but when one keeps in mind the great numbers in the army and in the army and in emergency work, it is gratifying there are this many. In any case, attendance has grown during the year and attendance of children at Sunday School is 85 per cent.

Chaplain Charles E. Brown, now with the Fifth American Army, says that neither desert heat nor Arctic cold can dampen the enthusiasm of the American soldier when it comes to the singing of the good old hymns. He also says that the hymns they sang in the old church back home are the most popular at the front, the most asked for ones are "The Old Rugged Cross," "Faith of Our Fathers," "Sweet Hour of Prayer," "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," "Blessed Assurance" and "Safely Through Another Week."

DO YOU KNOW?

1. Who were called by Christ "Boanerges," "sons of thunder?"
2. Which one of the twelve disciples was not from Galilee but from Judah?
3. Who was the Emperor of Rome during Christ's ministry?
4. What physical characteristic of Saul distinguished him?
5. What kindness was shown Elieha by a Shunammite woman?

Answers found on page five.

CHURCHES

Zion Evangelical and Reformed
William C. Feller, Pastor
Church school at 9:00 a. m. T. L. Becker, supt. There are classes for all ages, taught by competent teachers.

Worship service at 10:00 a. m. Sermon: "Faith Rewarded." Parents are invited to place their small children in the nursery, while they worship. A cordial invitation is extended to all who are without a church home in the city, to worship in this church.

The official board will meet in the church parlor on Monday evening at 7:30 p. m.

The Girls' Guild will meet at the church on Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m.

Choir rehearsals: Junior, Wednesday at 6:15 p. m. Young Women's, Wednesday at 7:00 p. m.

Senior, Friday at 7:00 p. m. Catechetical classes on Saturday morning, seniors at 9, juniors at 10 a. m.

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First Mass.....6:00 A. M.
Second Mass.....7:30 A. M.
Children's Mass.....9:00 A. M.
High Mass.....10:15 A. M.
Holy Hour, Sunday.....2:30 P. M.

Rev. Joseph J. Grunwald, Pastor

First United Brethren
R. R. Wilson, Minister

Bible school 9:15. Curtis Hill, superintendent.

Morning worship 10:30. Sermon "The Three Temptations."

Christian Endeavor 6:30. Evening Worship 7:30. Sermon on Psalm 73.

Prayer meeting and choir practice Wednesday night at 7 and 8. Next Sunday will be Thank-Offering day. A special program is being prepared.

First Methodist
Dr. Merrill O. Lester, Minister

L. L. Hann, Church School Supt. Morning worship at 9:30. Sermon subject, "The Missing Link of Spiritual Achievement."

Vesper Hour at 4 o'clock. Sermon subject, "Good Medicine."

A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Midweek service on Wednesday evening.

Choir practice Wed. night.

First Evangelical Church
Winchester St. near Five Points

P. H. Willard, Minister

Sunday school 9:15 a. m. Gregg McFarland, general superintendent.

The conference wide campaign for increased attendance has been extended until Easter. Let us keep up our good record.

Morning Worship 10:10 a. m. This Sunday has been set aside for the launching of a campaign to add \$5,000.00 to our present building fund.

Evangelical leagues: Intermediate 6:00. Senior 6:15.

Evening service. First church people are asked to attend Calvary church in the revival service.

W.M.S. Thursday at 2:05. Mrs. Dean Byerly, chairman with Mrs. Eugene Runyon giving the missionary study.

First Presbyterian Church
Five Points

George O. Walton, Minister

9:00 a. m. Junior Worship and Bible Hour. Mrs. W. A. Lower.

9:30 a. m. Sunday School. W. F. Schrock, superintendent.

10:30 a. m. Morning Worship. Sermon: "In Him We Live."

The Missionary society will meet next Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Huber M. DeVoss.

Mrs. C. D. Teeple will have charge of the program. The annual mite box opening will take place. Preceding the meeting the Spiritual Life group will meet with Mrs. G. O. Walton in charge.

Assisting the hostesses are Mrs. E. D. Engeler and Mrs. R. E. Glendening. Mrs. Dale S. Moses will lead the devotion. Mrs. Teeple will review the book, "The Unconquerable."

Baptist Church
Carey R. Moore, pastor

9:30 a. m. Bible school. C. E. Bell, supt.

10:15 a. m. Morning Worship. Sermon by pastor. Theme: "Our Living Hope." The Junior church also meets at the church during this hour.

3:00 p. m. The Lined Wheaton College Men's Glee Club will be heard in recital at our church. The public is cordially invited. No charge for admittance. These thirty young men are noted from coast to coast. Do not miss hearing them.

8:30 p. m. Young Peoples Fellowship.

7:30 p. m. Evening service of

praise and fellowship. This different service is proving a blessing to many. You will enjoy it also. Very special feature Sunday night. 7:30 p. m. Wednesday evening. Our Prayer service. We here pray definitely for your sons in the service. Are you happy for this?

Christian Church
Bible school 10:00 a. m. John Reinhard, supt.

Worship and communion 10:30.

Zion Lutheran Church
Monroe and Eleventh Streets

Paul W. Schultz, Pastor

Sunday school and Bible class 9:30 a. m.

Divine worship, 10:30 a. m. Church choir, 2:00 p. m.

Lutheran Hour, 5:00 p. m. Saturday catechism school, 8:30 a. m.

Valparaiso collection Sunday.

Church of God
Glen E. Marshall, Pastor

9:30-11:30 Unified service.

6:30 Christian Crusaders.

6:30 Shining Lights.

7:30 Evening service.

7:30 Wednesday, midweek prayer service.

The public is most cordially invited to attend all the services of this congregation.

Church of the Nazarene
Marshall and N. Seventh Sts.

J. T. Trueaux, pastor

Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Doyle Lytle, superintendent.

The privilege of studying the word of God is yours. Let's study together Sunday morning.

Morning worship, 10:30 a. m. Message by the pastor. Subject, "The Militant Church."

Junior church, 6:45 p. m. Led by Mrs. Jesse Plasterer. The Junior is a challenge. Do your best for child delinquency.

Young peoples service, 6:45 p. m. I. Mattax, president. Lesson, "The Founders of the Church." Come enjoy the Bible quiz.

Evangelistic service, 7:30 p. m. Good old-fashioned congregational and special singing. Message by pastor.

Midweek prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

Come thou with us and we will do thee good.

Nuttman Ave. U. B.
Delbert Crease, pastor

9:30 a. m.—Sunday School. Mrs. Reed, superintendent.

10:30 a. m.—Morning worship. Sermon, "The test of salvation."

6:30 p. m.—C. E.

7:30 p. m.—Evangelistic service. Theme, "Consider me excused."

Midweek prayer service Wednesday evening, 7:30 p. m.

The administrative board will meet following the prayer meeting. All members are requested to have their reports ready.

The attendance in these services is growing from week to week. Do not miss the blessing and inspiration of the church. We invite you to worship with us.

Home Education
Parental Confession

One day a mother was telling a religious educator, Mrs. Eakin, about the problems with her three-year-old and asking for suggestions. "I suppose this is a little thing but it annoys me greatly," said the mother. "Charles came home the other day with a new word, 'gosh.' It doesn't sound good coming from his sweet lips. Thinking he would drop it of his own accord, I haven't said anything about it. But he hasn't, and I'm sick and tired of hearing 'gosh.'"

"To make matters worse, yesterday

when I was exasperated, I used the word myself, before I had time to think. Charles heard me; I am sure of it. Now I can't talk to him about using the word."

"Why not?" her listener asked.

"Why, I can't correct him for something I do myself."

This mother like many others felt she must keep up the pretense of parental perfection. "How terrible it must be to live with a person who always does things just right!" remarked Mrs. Eakin.

The mother's surprised eyes widened; the idea of a mutual-improvement pact between her and her son was dawning.

Later Mrs. Eakin was a dinner guest in the home. When the parents and guests were absorbed in conversation, Charles whispered, "Mother, your elbows." "Thank you, Charles." The pact was in force.

A Mule's Part in Education
A college student having used his friends to the limit was about to give up his work. His father, who had a mule now decided to sell it to supply his son with the necessary cash.

When the father's letter came with the needed funds, the boy shouted, "Dad's sold the mule!"

At graduation time the father confided, "I loved that old mule; I hated to part with her. Then this consoling thought flashed through my mind, 'Here's a chance for the mule to get a college education.'"

Most powerful is he who has himself in his power. Seneca.

You seldom hate a fellow when you know him well. Edgar Guest.

A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds. Bacon.

It is not what one earns but what one saves that makes for security.

Carelessness does more harm than a want of knowledge.—Franklin.

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Roger Babson, an outstanding business man in America, has said, "The three great institutions, or the three greatest forces in the world's history, have been the Church, Sabbath observance and family prayers. For these three things the churches have stood through the ages. The future of America is wrapped up with the future of the churches. Your children are safe not because

of policemen and judges, because of ministers and churchmen. Sweep these away and America crumbles."

As members of the Church of Christ the responsibility is upon us to be loyal to the institutions which serve to keep alive the love of God. Why not accept invitation and come to church Sunday?

The Christians of Japan
We Americans are united today in the solemn and terrible task of winning this war.

But that is not enough. We must have spiritual faith in Almighty God as the ultimate ruling force of our lives and our destinies. It is this spiritual dynamic which has been ever present in the progress of our nation down through its history, and we must give more than lip service to God, not merely during the war but thereafter, if we would win the sort of peace we profess to desire.

It was not the Christians of Japan who brought on this terrible war, but the military leaders who profess faith only in themselves and their military schemes.

Christianity is deep-rooted in

Our Preachers Says

Come what may, you must be a failure. Your field of work may be stony or swampy, strength, limited, the road bad; but, if you do your best, the temptation to look back, keeping right on, you can come all difficulties. You will succeed.

One develops into a great personality not so much by getting attention on oneself as by getting self.—Foskic.

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