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SUNDAY
SCHOOL
LESSON

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JESUS USES HIS POWER
TO HELP

LESSON TEXT—Mark 4:25-41; 5:25-43.
GOLDEN TEXT—Why are ye so fearful? How 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—apart 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 (5:35-40).

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 chooses a shining mark in taking a dearly-beloved 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 42:3 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 sleepeth," 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 spirits' 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 mounting scorners, 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?

COME TO CHURCH

Creamed Comments On The Sunday School Lesson

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, 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.

Come and worship with us.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

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. Geimetz, 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 Thanksgiving day. A special program is being prepared.

First Methodist

Dr. Merrill O. Lester, Minister

L. H. 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 Point

F. 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 2:00. Mrs. Dean Byrd, 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. P. 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. De Voss. Mrs. C. D. People 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 hostess are Mrs. E. D. Engeler and Mrs. R. E. Gledening. Mrs. Dale S. Moses will lead the devotions. Mrs. Teepie will review the book, "The Unconquerable."

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 "Safety 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 Elisha by a Shunammite woman?

Answers found on page 51a.

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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 this 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, 3:00 p. m.

Saturday catechism school, 8:30 a. m.

Valparaiso collection Sunday.

Church of God

Glen E. Marshall, Pastor

9:30-11:20 Unified service.

6:30 Christian Crusaders.

6:30 Shining Lights.

7:30 Evening service.

7:30 Wednesday, midweek pray-

er 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. Trueax, 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 church 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 oldfashioned 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 Crese, 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.

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