

## Lesson 14: A Day of Miracles

Objective: To know that in the presence of Jesus we can have peace even in the storms of life.

Background: The miracles of Jesus were deeds of mercy and compassion and were called *signs* and *mighty works*. Because they were *signs* of the *breaking in* of the *Kingdom of God* (the rule of God) and *the power* of God, working through the ministry of Jesus to smash the forces of evil (Luke 11 :20) and delivering men and women from demons and disease (Luke 4:18-20).

Instruction: Read Mark 4:35-5:43 as if you were an eye-witness.

Let's Think: Be sure to read over each miracle before answering the questions.

1. The lake of Galilee was notorious for its unpredictable storms. (Mark 4:35-41 ).
  - a. How many "storms" were the disciples facing/experiencing when they came to Jesus?
  - b. How did Jesus deal with the storms? (Mk 4:39-40) What's significant about the order?
  - c. Why were the disciples filled with awe at the end?
2. Decapolis, east of Jordan, was a Gentile community made up of ten Greek cities. (Mk 5: 1-20).
  - a. Is there evidence that Jesus had set the man free from the power of demons? How was the man transformed as a result of his encounter with Jesus? Explain.
  - b. Why did the people beg Jesus to leave their town after the event? Would you have made the same request if you had been a local businessman? Explain.
  - c. Had Jesus granted the request of the former demoniac when he begged to follow Him? Why? Could the man follow Jesus in his home-town? How?
3. According to Lev. 15:25-27, the woman was not supposed to mingle with people. (MK 5:23-33).
  - a. What did the woman discover after she had touched Jesus' cloak? Was she surprised? Why?
  - b. What made the woman's touch different from the rest of the crowd? Explain.
  - c. How did her confession prove to be good for her soul? Explain.
4. Remember the Synagogue officials were no longer on friendly terms with Jesus. (Mk 5:21-43).
  - a. Do you think the sight of Jesus brings hope and relief to Jairus? If so, why?
  - b. What happened on the way to Jairus' house? Was Jairus despaired? Explain.
  - c. How does the presence of Jesus change the scene in Jairus' home? Explain.
5. Did Jesus set out to be a "miracle-worker"? Explain. Are there differences between Jesus' miracles and modern day "faith healers"? Explain.
6. What is the relation between "faith" and "miracle"? Does "miracle" create faith and make men believers? Explain. (Read also Luke 10:13-15; 16:29-31).
7. What new glimpse of Jesus and His power do you gain through this study? Will knowing Him as you do now make a difference in your life? If so, how?

Let's Remember: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8)