

“Good News! Jesus Can...”

(Lesson One)

- ☺ “Jesus is my Lord. He has the power to calm storms, cast out demons, cure diseases, raise the dead, and conquer the grave. That is good news, because Jesus can and will help me, too.”

Introduction:

Mark 1:1 “...the beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ...”

- ☺ “What does the word, ‘gospel’ mean?”

(The word ‘gospel’ means Good News. What we are about to read is good news for anyone who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.)

- ☺ “Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God? Why/why not?”

[If your friend believes that Jesus is the Son of God, teach the remainder of this lesson to increase his faith. If your friend does not believe, teach the remainder of this lesson to convince him that Jesus is the Son of God.]

Jesus Can...Help!

A. The Ability of Jesus

1. **Mark 4:35-41** [Read or tell the story.]

- ☺ “What can man do with the storm?”

(Nothing...be afraid...try to overcome, but fail.)

- ☺ “What can Jesus do with the storm?” [v. 39]

(Jesus can calm the storm.)

- ☺ “Who is this... that even the wind and waves obey Him?”

(Jesus, the Son of God.)

- ☺ **“IF JESUS CAN DO WHAT NO MAN CAN DO, HE MUST BE MORE THAN A MAN. HE MUST BE THE SON OF GOD.”**

- ☺ **“THERE IS GOOD NEWS! IF JESUS COULD CALM THEIR FEARS, HE CAN CALM MINE. WHEN I AM AFRAID...WHEN NO ONE ELSE CAN HELP, JESUS CAN.”**

2. **Mark 5:1-20** [Read or tell the story.]

- ☺ “What can man do with Legion?” [vs.2-5]
(Nothing...tried to tame him, but could not.)
- ☺ “What can Jesus do with Legion?” [v. 15]
(Jesus can conquer the demons.)
- ☺ “ Who is this...that even the demons obey Him?”
(Jesus, the Son of God.)

- ☺ **“IF JESUS CAN DO WHAT NO MAN CAN DO, HE MUST BE MORE THAN A MAN. HE MUST BE THE SON OF GOD.”**

- ☺ **“IF JESUS COULD RESCUE HIM FROM MISERY, HE CAN RESCUE ME. WHEN I AM MISERABLE...WHEN NO ONE ELSE CAN HELP...JESUS CAN.”**

3. **Mark 5:21-34** [Read or tell the story.]

- ☺ “What can man do with the bleeding woman?” [vs. 25-26]
(Nothing. Doctors couldn't even help her.)
- ☺ “What can Jesus do with the bleeding woman?” [vs. 29]
(Jesus can cure the disease.)
- ☺ “Who is this...that even the diseases obey Him?”
(Jesus, the Son of God.)

- ☺ **“IF JESUS CAN DO WHAT NO MAN CAN DO, HE MUST BE MORE THAN A MAN. HE MUST BE THE SON OF GOD.”**

- ☺ **“IF JESUS COULD CURE HER IN HER DESPERATION, HE CAN CURE ME. WHEN I AM DESPERATE...WHEN NO ONE ELSE CAN HELP... JESUS CAN.”**

4. **Mark 5:35-43** [Read or tell the story.]

- ☺ “What can man do with the dead girl?” [v. 38]
(Mourn. Cry.)
- ☺ “What can Jesus do with the dead girl?” [vs. 40-43]
(Jesus can raise the dead.)
- ☺ “ Who is this...that even the dead obey Him?”
(Jesus, the Son of God.)
- ☺ **“IF JESUS CAN DO WHAT NO MAN CAN DO, HE MUST BE MORE THAN A MAN. HE MUST BE THE SON OF GOD.”**
- ☺ **“THERE IS GOOD NEWS! IF JESUS COULD RAISE HER FROM THE DEAD, HE CAN RAISE ME. WHEN I AM DEAD...WHEN NO ONE**

5. **Mark 16:1-6** [Read or tell the story.]

- ☺ “What can man do with this dead man in the grave?”
(Guard the tomb.)
- ☺ “What can Jesus do with death?” [v. 6]
(Jesus overcame death.)
- ☺ “Who is this...that even the grave obeys Him?”
(Jesus, the Son of God.)
- ☺ **“IF JESUS CAN DO WHAT NO MAN CAN DO, HE MUST BE MORE THAN A MAN. HE MUST BE THE SON OF GOD.”**
- ☺ **“THERE IS GOOD NEWS! IF JESUS COULD OVERCOME DEATH, HE CAN HELP ME OVERCOME IT. WHEN I FACE DEATH... WHEN NO ONE ELSE CAN HELP, JESUS CAN.”**

B. The Authority of Jesus

☺ “Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God.”

[If your friend says, “Yes,” continue with the remainder of this study. If your friend says, “No,” ask him to explain why he does not believe. Make plans to study other material at a later time.”]

1. Mark 9:1-7 “...listen to Him...”

☺ “If you believe that Jesus is the Son of God, what is the one thing that God wants you to do?” (v.7)

(Listen to Him.)

☺ “Are you willing to listen to Him?”

2. Luke 6:46-49 “...hears my words and puts them into practice...”

☺ “Why should I listen to Jesus?”

(If I do, I will be able to withstand the storms of life.)

3. John 12:47-50 “...that very word that I spoke will condemn him...”

☺ “Why should I listen to Jesus?”

(If I don't, His words will condemn me.)

☺ “Will my parents or pastor or priest judge me *“in the last day?”*”

(No, only Jesus will judge me.)

4. Acts 3:22-23 “does not listen to Him will be completely cut off...”

☺ “Why should I listen to Jesus?”

(If I don't, I will be completely separated from Jesus.)

☺ “What does it mean to be ‘*completely cut off?*’”

(I have no chance to be with God.)