



Week 2

Jesus Brings Life

Peace to the Storm

Life can feel like a storm sometimes. Unexpected, overwhelming, and out of your control. Maybe it’s fear about the future, a loss you didn’t see coming, or a situation that feels too big to fix. In today’s story, Jesus’ friends are caught in a real storm. Waves were crashing, the boat was sinking, and panic was rising. And yet, with just a word, Jesus brings calm. Not only does He have authority over the wind and waves, but over the chaos in our lives too.

Read Mark 4:35-41

How do you typically respond when you face storms—times of fear, uncertainty, or struggle—in your own life?

What does this passage reveal about Jesus’ power and His presence with us in difficult moments?

Jesus Calms a Storm

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶ And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. ³⁷ And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹ And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹ And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

Healing the Broken

Usually, we think we know exactly what we need. When something’s not right, we search for a quick fix. But what if the real need is something deeper? Something we can’t even recognize? We often think healing is just about fixing what’s on the outside. But what if there’s more to it than that? Jesus sees all that we need before we do. Let’s read about how He steps into a situation where the answer isn’t what everyone expected.

Read Matthew 9:1-8

How does this story challenge how you think about what you truly need from Jesus?

What does Jesus’ ability to forgive sins and heal the paralyzed man reveal about who He is?

Jesus Heals a Paralytic

¹And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city. ²And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.” ³And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” ⁴But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? ⁵For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? ⁶But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he then said to the paralytic—“Rise, pick up your bed and go home.” ⁷And he rose and went home. ⁸When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

Living Water to the Thirsty

What’s the deepest thirst you’ve ever felt? Have you ever had a longing that nothing seemed to quench? Jesus sees every hidden corner of your heart, every ache, every unspoken need. He doesn’t turn away from your past; He draws near with a gift that satisfies forever. In this story, Jesus meets a woman whose life was marked by shame and searching, and offers her living water. He offers true satisfaction and fulfillment. Today, let’s discover how Jesus knows you completely and still invites you to drink deeply of His life.

Read John 4:7-15

How does Jesus’ interaction with the woman challenge how you think about who He came to reach?

What do you think Jesus meant when He offered “living water,” and how does that apply to your life?

⁷ A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.”
⁸ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)
¹⁰ Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” ¹¹ The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?” ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.”
¹³ Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”
¹⁵ The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”

Freedom to the Condemned

Eye for an eye. Tooth for a tooth. The punishment must fit the crime. Our society loves the idea of “fair.” We binge-watch murder mysteries and courtroom dramas. We’re all about justice. That is, until we’re the ones on trial. Suddenly, justice doesn’t feel so great. It feels heavy, harsh, and we start wishing for mercy. Today, we’ll read about Jesus’ take on justice and mercy. As you read, think about how Jesus might treat you if you were the one on trial.

Read John 8:2-11

Do you ever feel like you’re too far gone for Jesus to save?

What does this passage teach about how Jesus sees us in our failures?

² Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. ³ The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst ⁴ they said to him, “Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?” ⁶ This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. ⁷ And

as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, “Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.” ⁸ And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. ⁹ But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. ¹⁰ Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” ¹¹ She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.”



Salvation to the Lost

Do you ever feel like you’re faking it? Like you’re holding it together on the outside, but inside, you’re desperate for something more? Zacchaeus had money, status, and power, but none of it could quiet the ache in his soul. So when he hears that Jesus is coming, he climbs a tree just to catch a glimpse. What happens next is unexpected. As you read, step into Zacchaeus’ shoes. If Jesus looked at you in that tree, hidden but hoping, how would He respond?

Read Luke 19:1-10

In what ways have you been searching for meaning, hope, or connection, and how might Jesus be inviting you to stop striving and receive something real?

What does Jesus’ response to Zacchaeus reveal about God’s heart toward those who feel unseen, unworthy, or far from Him?

Jesus and Zacchaeus

¹ He entered Jericho and was passing through. ² And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. ⁴ So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. ⁵ And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” ⁶ So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. ⁷ And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” ⁸ And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” ⁹ And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”