



Journey through the Gospel of Mark: What's in a Name?

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Scripture: Mark 6:45-53, Exodus 3

Sermon Overview: After spending several weeks with Jesus, under His teaching, witnessing His miracles and authority over nature, evil, and death, the disciples still did not understand who Jesus was. For the second time, the disciples found themselves in a storm, in a boat, at sea. This time, the disciples came face-to-face with who Jesus was and who they were because of Him.

Sermon Series Question:

1. Who is the great I AM?
2. Who are you because He is who He is? Who are you in Christ?

Sermon-Specific Questions:

1. Read Mark 6:50-52. The Word says that when Jesus told the disciples who He was and the storm calmed, the disciples were amazed because they had not understood. What connections were the disciples failing to make between the miracles that Jesus performed and who He was? Why is it so important that our hearts understand who He was in connection with what He did? How can changing your understanding of who you are, in Christ, change how you act?
2. Dr. Foth reminded us that Jesus meets us in our storms. What storms have you walked through? What storms are you facing right now? How did Jesus meet you in your storm then? How can you step out in faith that He will meet you in your storm now?
3. Jesus' mission is to reveal the character and plan of His Father. Jesus said that He only said what the Father said. When Jesus entered the storm with His disciples, He did not immediately calm the storm. First, He spoke to them saying, "Take heart! I am. Don't be afraid!" How did those words reveal the character and plan of the Father to the disciples

in that moment? How do those words reveal the character and plan of the Father in the midst of a storm that you are facing now?

Digging Deeper:

1. Compare the two different storm stories in Mark 4 and Mark 6. How is what Jesus said to the disciples in the first storm different from what He said in the second storm? Why do you think Jesus sent the disciples in the boat without Him during the second storm? Were there differences in the disciples' responses during the two storms? Compare these accounts with Exodus 3. How does Moses' response compare to the disciples' responses when God revealed Himself to them?

2. Look at the context around Jesus' "I AM" statements, and finish the sentence:
If He is _____, then I am _____. For example, "If He is the vine, then I am the branch."

I Am The Bread Of Life (John 6:35)

I Am The Light Of The World (John 8:12)

Before Abraham was, I am. (John 8:58)

I Am The Gate For The Sheep (John 10:7)

I Am The Good Shepherd (John 10:11)

I Am The Resurrection And The Life (John 11:25)

I Am The Way The Truth And The Life (John 14:6)

I Am The True Vine (John 15:1)

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. (Rev 22:13)

Meditate on who you are in Him and how it changes how you see yourself. Write in your journal or speak aloud to the Lord. Start a list of I AM "ABCs": "I AM accepted, blessed, chosen, delivered, etc." Practice saying your identity in Jesus to yourself in the mirror. See yourself as Jesus sees you.

Practical Application:

- Where are you planted? In that place – where you live, where you work, where you play – with whom can you share your testimony? Tell them the story of how Jesus' love and power grabbed a hold of you.
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