

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on The Gospel of Mark. Today's topic: MIRACLES AROUND THE LAKE.

1. Jesus calms a storm

- a) Mark 4:35-38 What impresses you about this dramatic story recorded by all 3 Synoptic writers?
- b) Mark 4:39-40 What can we learn from the response of Jesus to this life-threatening storm?
- c) Mark 4:41 What is the answer to the question asked by the disciples? (See Psalm 104:1-7)

2. Jesus heals a demoniac

- a) Mark 5:1-13 What impresses you about this dramatic encounter by the Sea of Galilee?
- b) Mark 5:14-17 What was the reaction of the inhabitants of that region?
- c) Mark 5:18-20 What important lessons can we learn from the final interaction of Jesus with the man set free from a legion of demons and his response?

3. Jesus performs healing miracles in Capernaum

- a) Mark 5:21-24, 35-43 (Matthew 9:18-19,23-25, Luke 8:40-42,51-56) Why do you think this remarkable story is recorded in all three Synoptic Gospels? What does this story teach us about Jesus?
- b) What other healing is inserted in the middle of this encounter in Capernaum? Mark 5:25-34
- c) What hope do you find in these two miracles of healing in Capernaum?

4. Rejection in Nazareth

- a) Mark 6:1-3 What are your thoughts about the rejection of Jesus by His own people in Nazareth?
- b) Mark 6:4-6 How did Jesus respond to their rejection?
- c) Share a time when you experienced rejection while serving in the name of Jesus. How did you respond?

5. Sharing the Good News

- a) Mark 6:7-11 What important lessons can we learn from the story of Jesus sending out the twelve disciples on their first missionary journey?
- b) Mark 6:12-13, 30-31 How did the disciples respond and what can we learn from their experience?
- c) Mark 6:14-29 (summarize) How is the death of John the Baptist related to the miracles of Jesus and the missionary experience of His disciples?

6. The feeding of the 5000

- a) Mark 6:32-44 What does this remarkable miracle teach us about Jesus?
- b) Mark 6:45,47-52 What lesson can we learn from the experience of the disciples after this miracle?
- c) Rather than become distracted by the adoration of the crowd, how did Jesus respond? Mark 6:46,53-56
- d) What lessons can we learn from this story today?

