Introduction

“With a load of iron ore 26,000 tons or more
Than the Edmund Fitzgerald weighed empty
That the good ship and true was a bone to be chewed
When the gales of November came early.”
The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald by Gordon Lightfoot

Inland waters can possess a unique treachery. So, it is with the Sea of Galilee.

But these storms would provide another occasion for the disciples to learn who Jesus is. He is Lord of All Creation.

I. Jesus is Lord over the physical realm. Luke 8:22-25

A storm broke that night as they sailed.

These experienced fishermen were worried and frightened.

Jesus got up and rebuked the wind and waves with a word. “Be still.”

“Where is your faith?”

“Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him.”

Storms can come crashing into our life suddenly and severely.

Just like the disciples, we can feel overwhelmed. We wonder where is God?

“Does anyone know where the love of God goes
When the waves turn the minutes into hours.” Gordon Lightfoot

God uses these storms to strengthen our faith and deepen our trust in him.

Luke is building his case for the uniqueness of Jesus – teacher, prophet, healer, Messiah, Lord and God.

Who is this man? He is God. Psalm 107:24-30

II. Jesus is Lord over the spiritual realm. Luke 8:26-39
Here Jesus encountered a different storm.

This would be the disciples’ first excursion into Gentile territory.

There, they are confronted by a demon-possessed man.

When he saw Jesus, he cried out at the top of his voice, “I know who you are, Jesus, Son of the Most High God.”

Jesus asked him his name. *Legion.*

When the demons entered the swine, the pigs panicked, ran down the hill into the lake and drowned.

Some have asked, “Why did Jesus destroy the pigs and their livelihood?”

- Jesus didn’t destroy the pigs. The demons did.
- It was a visible proof of what had just happened.
- Jesus cares more about people than pigs.

We see in this story how Satan tries to destroy the image of God in man.

What was the reaction of the people?

- They were afraid. But it was not a reverent fear. It was a fear of his authority and power and what he might ask of them.

Only Jesus can set us free from the things that bind us – whether Satan, possessions, addictions, or lusts.

**Conclusion**

The man who had been healed wanted to stay with Jesus, but Jesus sent him back to his people.

God calls some to go to other lands and some to stay right where they are, but we are all his witnesses.

Go and tell what God has done for you.