




## Introduction

In May 2022, preached a message, "With Jesus in the Storm" from the account in Mark 4:35-5:1.

In that message, there are four important truths:

1. When (or even if) you're with Jesus, you're not guaranteed a storm-free life.
2. When (or even if) you're with Jesus, your faith will surely be tested.
3. When you're with Jesus, you will witness his power in order to worship him.
4. When you're with Jesus, you will definitely reach your destination.

## Read Mark 5:1-20 (CSB)

*1They came to the other side of the sea, to the region of the Gerasenes. 2 As soon as he got out of the boat, a man with an unclean spirit came out of the tombs and met him. 3 He lived in the tombs, and no one was able to restrain him anymore—not even with a chain— 4 because he often had been bound with shackles and chains, but had torn the chains apart and smashed the shackles. No one was strong enough to subdue him. 5 Night*

*and day among the tombs and on the mountains, he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones.*

*6 When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and knelt down before him. 7 And he cried out with a loud voice, "What do you have to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you before God, don't torment me!" 8 For he had told him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!"*

*9 "What is your name?" he asked him.*

*"My name is Legion," he answered him, "because we are many." 10 And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the region.*

*11 A large herd of pigs was there, feeding on the hillside. 12 The demons begged him, "Send us to the pigs, so that we may enter them." 13 So he gave them permission, and the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs. The herd of about two thousand rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned there.*

*14 The men who tended them ran off and reported it in the town and the countryside, and people went to see what had happened. 15 They came to Jesus and saw the man who had been demon-possessed, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. 16 Those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and told about the pigs. 17 Then they began to beg him to leave their region.*

*18 As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged him earnestly that he might remain with him. 19 Jesus did not let him but told him, "Go home to your own people, and report to them how much the Lord has done for you and how he has had mercy on you." 20 So he went out and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and they were all amazed.*

Three sections, and each section teaches us a spiritual truth.

- Mark 5:1-13…With Jesus, your life can be totally cleansed.
- Mark 5:14-17…With Jesus, your community can be completely changed.
- Mark 5:18-20…With Jesus, your mission for life can be clearly defined.

**With Jesus, Your Life Can be Totally Cleansed. (Mark 5:1-13)**

Four unclean things that describe or relate to this man:

- Unclean Population
- Unclean Possession
- Unclean Place
- Unclean Pigs

Will you approach him and ask him to cleanse you and set you free? Will you cry out to him? His name is Jesus!

**2. With Jesus, Your Community Can Be Completely Changed. (Mark 5:14-17)**

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**Why do the people ask Jesus to leave their community?**

- **They prefer to maintain the status quo.**
- **They prefer to have their own authority.**
- **They prefer to keep their own belief system or religion.**

## Illustration: Mizos Embrace the Gospel

### TBC Missions Update

- **Partnership with Southcliff Baptist Church Mission Team from Texas.**
  Dates: June 3 (Fri) – 11 (Sun)
  Main purpose: To share the gospel of Christ.
  (1) 10 Southcliff Team Members and 13 TBC plus about 20 TBC-West Tokyo members participated.
  (2) Three people accepted Christ.
  - A woman from the Philippines
  - A man from Japan
  - A man from Hong Kong

  (3) Many people were impacted in one way or another by the Gospel.

- **Japan and World Missions Offering**
  List of missions projects in the current year, June 2023 – May 2024.
  100% of our giving goes to missions.
  For example, we are engaged in:
  - Reaching out and ministering to people from various nationalities who are applying for refugee status in Japan.

- Supporting 10 orphans of various ages in the Philippines.
- Supporting missionaries in Japan both TBC members and others.
- Providing local resources on the mission fields when TBC mission teams are sent out.
- Giving to the Lottie Moon Mission Offering of the International Mission Board.
- Giving to the Sue Nishikawa Offering of the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention.

**Giving Goal: 10,000,000 Yen**

**<u>Financial Summary for June 2022 - May 2023</u>**

Available Funds as of May 31, 2022: 5,440,405 Yen
Offerings : 8,097,348 Yen*
Disbursements : 5,249,053 Yen*
Available Funds as of May 31, 2023: 8,288,700 Yen*
(Note: *numbers may change as the financial statements for this year are not yet closed.)

3. **With Jesus, Your Mission For Life Can Be Clearly Defined. (Mark 5:18-20)**

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18 Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20 NLT)

**<u>Personal Application: It’s TIME to be Involved!</u>**

**(1) Tell Someone!**

- Tell someone within a month about “how much the Lord has done for you and how he has had mercy on you.”

**(2) Join the Mission Prayer Team!**

- Just for 3 months...when: September – November 2023.
- Two times a month online Zoom prayer meetings (most likely on Wednesday or Friday evenings).
- What to do: Pray for Japan and the people in Japan.

**(3) Join the Joy Café Team!**

- Once or two times a month after worship service in the Joy Café.
- What to do: Pray for/with people and share the gospel with non-believers.
- Training will be provided!

**(4) Join the Gospel Feet Team!**

- For two hours once a month on Sunday either after the 11am or 3pm worship service (most likely on the third Sunday of the month from September 2023).
- Prayer-walk, distribute gospel tracts, and share the gospel around Shibuya Station, Daikanyama Station or Nakameguro Station.

Interested in knowing more or joining any of these teams, please email Pastor Joel (joel@tokyobaptist.org).

**(5) Attend Mission Classes!**

- Class 401 (Discovering My Life Mission): July 1, Sat., 1:30pm-5:30pm at TBC-Shibuya Lange Hall. Prerequisite completion of Class 301.
- Class 402 (Personal Evangelism Training Class): July 15, Sat., 1:30pm-4:30pm at TBC-Shibuya Lange Hall. Prerequisite completion of Class 101 only!

Please register by going to this link:
**https://t-b-c.us/classes**

Let us pray!

Jo Kaminaga (Joel)
Tokyo Baptist Church

# Welcome FIRST TIME guests!

**Thank you for visiting. Please send an email to gift@tokyobaptist.org for a free gift.**

**First time guests Connection:**

## COMMITMENT CARD

If you would like to believe in Jesus or have questions about baptism, we'd love to hear from you!
Email: cc@tokyobaptist.org or visit https://t-b-c.us/cc to let us know!

## TBC Life SIGN-UP

weekly email news

http://t-b-c.us/tbclife

# UPCOMING TBC BASE CLASSES

**class 401** Mission

July 1st, Saturday
1:30 - 5:30pm

Classes held in Lange Hall

**class 402** Evangelism

July 15th, Saturday
1:30 - 5:30pm

https://t-b-c.us/classes

# Small Groups Information

**SG Lesson**
t-b-c.us/sg2623p

**SG Sign-up**
t-b-c.us/sgsu

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