Series: Miracles of Jesus

Sermon: The Authority of Christ Over Creation

Scripture: Mark 3:1-6, Mark 4:35-41 (ESV)

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Mark 3:1-6 (ESV)

- ¹ Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand.
- ² And they watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him.
- ³ And he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come here."
- ⁴ And he said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent.
- ⁵ And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored.
- ⁶ The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

We fear Christ's authority when our ability to control our lives is threatened. (Mark 3:1-6)

Mark 4:35-41 (ESV)

- ³⁵On 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.
- ³⁷And 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?"
- ⁴¹And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

We fear that Christ has lost His authority when our <u>inability</u> to control our lives is <u>exposed</u>. (Mark 4:35-41)