



Four Miracles

MAIN THING

Jesus is sovereign over life's four great equalizers

SCRIPTURE

Luke 8:22-56, Philippians 4:6-8

ICEBREAKER

One thing I'm looking forward to this summer is

OPENING THOUGHT

There are four things that equalize all people- nature, Satan, sickness, and death. Regardless of status or money or culture or anything else, all humans are equal in their inability to overcome them. No one can stop it from raining, no one is immune from temptation and sin, everyone gets sick, and everyone dies.

In this passage, Jesus shows that He and He alone is sovereign over all of these "equalizers." The things that we as humans can't overcome, He overcomes. The things in life that defeat us all, He conquers. He has the power over all of them, and that is good news to this world.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was the one thing that you heard this past Sunday that stuck out to you? Why did it resonate with you like it did?
2. The sermon pointed out that since Jesus is sovereign over the four things listed above, He is also sovereign over what you are going through in life. How have you seen Jesus defeat the things that you thought had defeated you?
3. When we realize that Jesus is sovereign over all the things that we deal with in life, we are able to rest and have peace. Philippians 4:6-8 tells us how to shift our thinking and the resulting peace that follows. What's one thing you can do this week to "not be anxious about anything" but focus on "whatever is true, noble, right" etc?

LIFE APPLICATION

Worry and faith are mutually exclusive. One will increase while the other will decrease. A Christian cannot have both. Worry will destroy your faith or faith will destroy your worry. There is no other option. If worry/anxiety is destroying your faith, you need to understand that Jesus is sovereign over anything and everything you will ever face. He is sovereign over nature, Satan, sickness, and death. He defeats them all. When we realize this, our faith grows. Your worry and anxiety aren't changing anything anyway. Worry and anxiety is wasted time and energy and brings nothing but the destruction of your faith. Get rid of it. Realize that if Jesus can raise a girl from the dead, He can certainly deal with whatever you are facing.

CHALLENGE

No challenge this week. Just enjoy the sovereignty and supremacy of Christ in all things.