

# **Main Attraction: Jesus!**

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Luke 8:22–25 (ESV)

### **Jesus Calms a Storm**

<sup>22</sup> One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, “**Let us go across to the other side of the lake.**” So they set out, <sup>23</sup> and as they sailed he fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water and were in danger. <sup>24</sup> And they went and woke him, saying, “Master, Master, we are perishing!” And he awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was a calm. <sup>25</sup> He said to them, “**Where is your faith?**” And they were afraid, and they marveled, saying to one another, “Who then is this, that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him?”

**Main Attraction: Jesus! This title is worthy of immediate criticism, because Jesus is not an attraction. Jesus is God, Creator, and Truth. But the church will often use various attractions, programs, and events to introduce people to Jesus. Certainly there is nothing wrong with this, **but we never see this in the Bible.** In the Bible, the Main Attraction to have people come to Jesus is Jesus. When Jesus shows up things happen and people take notice! Look at verse we just read and our first point.**

**#1 Jesus, the spiritual, is greater than the physical.**

Luke 8:24 (ESV)

Jesus rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was a calm.

**We are consumed with the physical around us. Yet the Bible shows us that Jesus has authority over all physical things. Through Jesus we impact and overcome the physical. Therefore Jesus speaks to us concerning the physical:**

Luke 8:25 (ESV)

Jesus said to them, **“Where is your faith?”**

**Faith; we hear and we act on what we heard!**

**But it doesn't stop with the physical. The Bible shows us that concerning the whole spiritual and human realm that surrounds us, the Main Attraction is Jesus.**

Luke 8:26–39 (ESV)

<sup>27</sup> When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me.” <sup>29</sup> For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.)

**Just as a note, Demons are real and fear God!**

James 2:19 (ESV)

You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!

**Evil spirits are active and impact behavior. Notice the actions of the demon possessed.**

- He Wore no clothes
- He Broke chains
- He was Driven into the desert
- Demons Fled into pigs
- Possessed Pigs fled into water

**When Jesus the Main Attraction shows up, Evil spirits flee releasing the possessed:**

- The demon falls down before Jesus
- The demons departed the man
- The man was sitting at Jesus' feet
- The man wore clothes
- The man was in his right mind
- The man wanted to follow Jesus

**#2 Jesus, the spiritual, is greater than evil spirits and human behavior.**

**Therefore we have authority in the spiritual realm.**

James 4:7 (ESV)

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

**Now concerning our physical body and death itself, the Bible shows us that Jesus is very much the Main Attraction. In the presence of Jesus, we are in the presence of God Himself. Through the presence of Jesus, we get a glimpse of eternity.**

Luke 8:40–56 (ESV)

Jarius had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. There was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years.

The woman came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, and immediately her discharge of blood ceased. Jesus said, **“Someone touched me, for I perceive that power has gone out from me.”** Jesus said to her, **“Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.”**

<sup>49</sup> While he was still speaking, someone from the ruler’s house came and said, “Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more.” <sup>50</sup> But Jesus on hearing this answered him, **“Do not fear; only believe, and she will be well.”** <sup>51</sup> And when he came to the house, he allowed no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. <sup>54</sup> Taking her by the hand he called, saying, **“Child, arise.”** <sup>55</sup> And her spirit returned, and she got up at once.

**Through this account, we have a glimpse of God’s power here on earth. However, the full eternal operation of God is waiting for us beyond this world. God will establish everything new; new body free from death!**

1 Corinthians 15:52 (ESV)

For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

**#3 Jesus, the spiritual, is greater than the human body and death!**

1 Corinthians 15:54–55 (ESV)

<sup>54</sup> Then shall come to pass:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

<sup>55</sup> “O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

**Through Jesus, the Main Attraction, we have victory over death!**

**The Church’s Main Attraction is Jesus!**

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**#3 Jesus, the spiritual, is greater than the human body and death!**

**THE MAIN ATTRACTION: JESUS!**

John 3:16 (ESV)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

**Prophetic Team**

***Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future.***