

October 13 Answers

- 1) After Jesus calmed the storm on the Sea of Galilee, He turned to His disciples and said, “Why are you **afraid**, O you of little **faith**?” (Matt 8:26). To our way of thinking, it’s perfectly natural to be afraid when you realize your boat is about to sink in a huge storm in the middle of a lake! Jesus, however, rebuked their fear and attributed it to a lack of faith, for faith **reasons** correctly and draws necessary **inferences** from what God has said. Jesus told them, “Let us go across to the other side” (Luke 8:22). That meant they would get there safely, for Jesus would not command them to do something that He would not **enable** them to perform. Just as Jesus later told Peter, “Come” and rebuked him for his lack of faith (Matt 14:29–31), so Jesus told His disciples “**go**” and rebuked them for their lack of faith (Mark 4:35–41). Faith draws the right **conclusions** from what God has said. Faith believes that when God says “go,” there is no need to **fear**, for God will make a way. When they reached the shore, they were met by two men who were demon-possessed. The demons controlled their bodies and provoked them to **violence**, **nakedness**, and self-mutilation. Satan strips his victims of their clothes, for he knows that nakedness is **shameful** (cf. Gen 3:7, 21; Isa 47:3). After Jesus cast out the demons, the men were at rest, “clothed” and in their right minds. This teaches us to be modest in what we wear, for if we’re not careful, we will be tempted to dress in a way that brings shame to us and to **Christ** (1 Tim 2:9).