

Coming to Grips with Our Power Shortage

Series: Getting to Know God

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Jeremiah 32:17 (NLT) “O Sovereign Lord! You have made the heavens and earth by your great power.”

God’s omnipotence means: God has unlimited power.

Luke 18:27 (NLT) “What is impossible from a human perspective is possible with God.”

THE EVIDENCE OF GOD’S POWER

1. Creation is a silent witness of God’s power.

Psalm 19:1-2 (LB) The heavens are telling the glory of God; they are a marvelous display of his craftsmanship. Day and night they keep on telling about God.

2. Jesus displayed God’s power.

A. Over nature

Mark 4:35-41 (NLT) As evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, “Let’s cross to the other side of the lake.” He was already in the boat, so they started out, leaving the crowds behind... But soon a fierce storm arose. High waves began to break into the boat until it was nearly full of water. Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. Frantically they woke him up, shouting, “Teacher, don’t you even care that we are going to drown?” When he woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the water, “Quiet down!” Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm... And they were filled with awe and said among themselves, “Who is this man, that even the wind and waves obey him?”

B. Over illness

Luke 5:12-13 (NLT) In one of the villages, Jesus met a man with an advanced case of leprosy. When the man saw Jesus, he fell to the ground, face down in the dust, begging to be healed. “Lord,” he said, “if you want to, you can make me well again.” Jesus reached out and touched the man. “I want to,” he said. “Be healed!” And instantly the leprosy disappeared.

C. Over death

John 11:38-44 (NLT) ...Then they came to the grave. It was a cave with a stone rolled across its entrance. “Roll the stone aside,” Jesus told them... Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, thank you for hearing me...” Then Jesus shouted, “Lazarus, come out!” And Lazarus came out, bound in graveclothes, his face wrapped in a headcloth. Jesus told them, “Unwrap him and let him go!”

CONCLUSION:

Shortly after raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus made his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, commonly referred to as Palm Sunday.

Luke 19:26-40 (NLT) Then the crowds spread out their coats on the road ahead of Jesus... all of his followers began to shout and sing as they walked along... “Bless the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in highest heaven!” But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, “Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!” He replied, “If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!”

Jesus’ actions were an unmistakable claim to be the messiah, God’s messenger to the world of God’s power.

Zechariah 9:9 (NLT) Rejoice greatly, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey—even on a donkey’s colt.

We invite you to look over the verses in your sermon notes this week and ask and answer the following three questions (you are encouraged to get a notebook to record your thoughts):

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean?
3. What does the verse mean to me personally?