

SERMON NOTES

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Text: Mark 4:35-41

Title: Jesus Is Lord of the Storm

Big Idea: Jesus is Lord of the storm.



I. THE REALITY OF LIFE'S STORMS (vv. 35-38)

“The Puritans exemplified maturity; we don't. Spiritual warfare made the Puritans what they were. They accepted conflict as their calling, seeing themselves as their Lord's soldier-pilgrims...not expecting to be able to advance a single step without opposition of one sort or another...” – J.I. Packer

The disciples were looking at the wind and the waves instead of looking at Jesus.

They had forgotten who He was, who was with them.

II. THE REALITY OF JESUS' POWER (vv. 39-40)

Jesus awakened by the panicking voices of the disciples – rebukes the wind and the sea!

epitimaō = rebuke, reprove; censure; speak seriously; warn; punish

Jesus talks to the WIND and the WAVES like he's talking to a person!

- Jesus has authority on earth to forgive sins (2:10)
- He is Lord of the Sabbath (2:28)
- He has authority in His teaching (1:22) and over the demons (1:27)

AND now He demonstrates His authority over nature! Jesus has authority over creation.

“Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” You need to move from FEAR to FAITH.

III. THE RIGHT RESPONSE (v. 41)

“the disciples feel greater fear in Jesus' presence on the calm sea than they experienced while the storm raged.”¹

“Presumably when the disciples woke Jesus, they were hoping for some sort of saving action, but the scale of it has overwhelmed them.” – R.T. France

Jesus calmed the storm with a word. Jesus truly has authority and power over nature and circumstances. So, Jesus has the power to bring peace to your storms. Trust in His power to calm the chaos in your life.

Will your recognition of Jesus as the one who has authority over all things lead you to put your faith in Him?

¹ *The Reformation Study Bible*

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

To be used for personal reflection and/or sermon-based small group discussion.

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READ Mark 4:35-41

Is there anything that is difficult to understand in the text, or a question you would like to ask the writer of the passage or the Lord?

Where is Christ in this passage? How does this passage relate to the person, nature, character or work of Christ? Luke 24:44 says all of Scripture is about Christ. So, how does this passage help you see more of who Christ is, what He has done, or allows you to love Him more?

Contrast Jesus' behavior during the storm with that of His disciples. (v. 38)

What did the disciples learn about Jesus from this episode?

Have you ever felt like the disciples did in Mark 4:38? How did God respond to your fear and frustration?

What does Jesus suggest is the cause of their fear? (v. 40)

The disciples are even more afraid in the stillness than they were in the storm (v. 41). How would you answer the disciples' question in verse 41?

What difference should that answer make to how you view:

- your death one day?
- any difficulties you are facing today?²

PRAY

² Griffith-Jones, *Explore Mark*