

Mark 4:35-41
Have You Still No Faith?

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶ And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. ³⁷ And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹ And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹ And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Where is your faith today? What or who are you trusting in as you live your life in this world? It has often been said that "your faith is only as strong as the object of your faith." On our coins in this country is stamped, "In God we trust." For any nation, or any individual, this is the best and surest place, that is the best and surest person, to place our faith in.

Today we going to look at a boatload of terrified disciples of Jesus Christ struggling to keep their boat afloat as it was tossed about by a violent storm on the Sea of Galilee. We will learn a crucial lesson when the storms of life seek to toss us about and we are afraid for our very survival.

But we are going to learn more than just about survival, we are going to learn about theological truth, truth about the Son of God. We are going to learn an answer to the same question the disciples asked one another after Jesus ordered the storm to cease and it obeyed him, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Let us pray:

Gracious Father, you who created the heavens and the earth, and you who sent your eternal Son to rescue us from our sins and bring us to yourself, enlighten our understanding of this passage of Scripture today. Teach us its great truths. May our faith, our trust and confidence in the Lord Jesus Christ, grow and be strengthened, as we learn of him, as we learn who he really is, for we ask it in our Savior's name. Amen.

Today I want us to learn three lessons about our Savior and one lesson about the disciples. The first lesson is...

I. Jesus, The Exhausted Man v. 35-38

- Jesus had been teaching all day – parables, etc.

-from boat

v. 35 “on that day”

v. 36 – “just as he was”

v.37 – storm, waves, boat filling

v. 38 – But...he was in the stern (back)

-asleep – only place in NT

-exhausted – his humanity revealed

IL – if you watch a move on TV and you’re tired, exhausted...

- Phil. 2:6-11- ...though he was in ^(L)the form of God, did not count equality with God ^(M)a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but ^(N)emptied himself, by taking the form of a ^(O)servant, ^(P)being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by ^(Q)becoming obedient to the point of death, ^(R)even death on a cross. ⁹ ^(S)Therefore ^(T)God has ^(U)highly exalted him and bestowed on him ^(V)the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus ^(W)every knee should bow, ^(X)in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and ^(Y)every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is ^(Z)Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Meaning of. “emptied”?

-not of his deity

-“he laid his glory by”

-laid aside certain prerogatives of deity

- did not know time of his return – only the Father

-did know who touched him

-Examples of humanity:

John 4:6 - ⁶ Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.^[a]

Mrk. 11: - ¹² ^(A)On the following day, when they came from Bethany, ^(B)he was hungry. ¹³ ^(C)And seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see if he could find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for ^(D)it was not the season for figs. ¹⁴ And he said to it, “May no one ever eat fruit from you again.” And his disciples heard it.

-could not carry his cross
 "I thirst"

II. Jesus, The Lord Over Nature v. 39

³⁹ And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!
 "And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

Psa. 107: 23-32 RESPONSIVE READING:

Some ^(AL)went down to the sea in ships,
 doing business on the great waters;
²⁴ they saw the deeds of the Lord,
 his wondrous works in the deep.
²⁵ For he ^(AM)commanded and ^(AN)raised the stormy wind,
 which lifted up the waves of the sea.
²⁶ They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths;
 their courage ^(AO)melted away in their evil plight;
²⁷ they reeled and ^(AP)staggered like drunken men
 and ^(AQ)were at their wits' end.^[b]
²⁸ ^(AR)Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.
²⁹ He ^(AS)made the storm be still,
and the waves of the sea were hushed.
³⁰ Then they were glad that the waters^[c] were quiet,
 and he brought them to their desired haven.
³¹ ^(AT)Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
 for his wondrous works to the children of man!
³² Let them ^(AU)extol him in ^(AV)the congregation of the people,
 and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

See. V. 28 = Yahweh

Other examples of Jesus power over nature:
 Water to wine

Feeding 5,000 men

Luke 5:45 ff - Luke 5:4-11 - ⁴ And when he had finished speaking, he
 said to Simon, ^(E)"Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a
 catch." ⁵ And Simon answered, "Master, ^(E)we toiled all night and took

nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.”⁶ And when they had done this, ^(G)they enclosed a large number of fish, and ^(H)their nets were breaking.⁷ They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. ^(I)And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, ^(J)“Depart from me, for ^(K)I am a sinful man, O Lord.”⁹ For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken,

Walking on Water in storm

Luke 6:19 - ¹⁹ And all the crowd ^(A)sought to touch him, for ^(B)power came out from him and healed them all.

Acts 10:37-38 - ³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, ^(G)beginning ^(H)from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸ how ^(I)God anointed Jesus of Nazareth ^(J)with the Holy Spirit and with ^(K)power. He went about doing good and healing all ^(L)who were oppressed by the devil, ^(M)for God was with him.

John 1;14 - ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

John 6:37-38 ³⁷ If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me. ³⁸ But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.”

Col. 1:15 -16 - ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Exhausted man
Lord over nature

III. Jesus, the Teacher of his Disciples v. 40

⁴⁰ He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?”

They had seen at least 8 miracles of Jesus that we know of in Mark 1-3

Why the disciples should have had faith:

First miracle: Sets free a demon-possessed man in synagogue in Capernaum on Sabbath

Mark 1:25-27 - ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.

Second miracle:

Mark 1:31 – healed Simon's mother-in-law so that she got up and waited on them!

Third miracle:

Mark 1:32-34 - ³² That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴ And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

Fourth miracle:

Mark 1:39 - ³⁹ And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Fifth Miracle:

Mark 1:40-42 - ⁴⁰ And a leper came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, "If you will, you can make me clean." ⁴¹ Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, "I will; be clean." ⁴² And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.

IL – beggar man in front of 7-11 with stubs for fingers

Sixth Miracle:

Mark 2:10-12 - ¹⁰ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic— ¹¹ “I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.” ¹² And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

Seventh Miracle:

Mark 3:1-2, 5 – Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand. ² And they watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him....

⁵ And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored.

Eighth Miracle:

Mark 3:8-12 - When the great crowd heard all that he was doing, they came to him. ⁹ And he told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, lest they crush him, ¹⁰ for he had healed many, so that all who had diseases pressed around him to touch him. ¹¹ And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, “You are the Son of God.” ¹² And he strictly ordered them not to make him known.

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Sum’y: Jesus: exhausted, Lord, Teacher

IV. The Disciples and Their Fears

A. Of the storm

B. Of the authority and power of Christ

a. Psalm 107, Luke 5:8, etc.

Applications:**I. Christology: Christ's humanity and Deity****GSCC: Article 3: Jesus Christ**

We believe in the absolute Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ; His virgin birth; His real and perfect manhood; His work of atonement for the sin of mankind by His vicarious suffering and death; His bodily resurrection and His ascension into heaven; His present High-priestly intercession for His people; His lordship over His church as its Supreme Head; and His future personal return.

Nicene Creed (CRC) on Jesus Christ:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
 begotten, not made;
 of the same essence as the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven;
 he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
 and was made human.
 He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered and was buried.
 The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
 He ascended to heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again with glory
 to judge the living and the dead.
 His kingdom will never end.

1 Timothy 3:16 NKJV

16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:

God[a] was manifested in the flesh,
 Justified in the Spirit,
 Seen by angels,
 Preached among the Gentiles,
 Believed on in the world,
 Received up in glory.

II. Worship is due him

Join Thomas⁵

Luke 24 -

⁵⁰ And ^(BT)he led them out as far as ^(BU)Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he blessed them, ^(BV)he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they ^(BW)worshiped him and ^(BX)returned to Jerusalem ^(BY)with great joy, ⁵³ and ^(BZ)were continually in the temple ^(CA)blessing God.

Phil. 3:3 - For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and **glory in Christ Jesus** and put no confidence **in** the flesh—

III. Submission is due him He is Lord of all.

IV. Trust is due him

Miracles
 Healing
 Bore sins
 Rose
 Ascended
 Reigning
 Sent HS
 Returning

He is fully God and fully man.

Worthy of worship, trust.

He did the greatest thing: bore our sins, rose and ascended – is coming to resurrect us. He can take care of everything else,

Lloyd -Jones: “let us submit ourselves to God, let us be content to be in His hands, and let us say to him: Send what you will, our only concern is that we may ever be well-pleasing in your sight. P 232, Spiritual depression.

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