

A black and white portrait of J.C. Ryle, an elderly man with a full white beard and mustache, looking slightly to the right. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey.

J.C. RYLE

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# HOLINESS





## CHAPTER 12

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# **RULER OF THE WAVES**





***“And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. 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?” 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. He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?””***

**~ Mark 4:37–40**

THE RULER OF THE WAVES

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**HIS LEADING**

# HIS LEADING

- ▶ Following Christ will not prevent earthly sorrow & trouble
- ▶ Jesus promises all things pertaining to life & godliness but not freedom from sickness, loss, disappointment
- ▶ Scripture portrays Christ & the cross, tribulation, conflict
- ▶ Jesus leads in the way of sanctification – in the right way





**The winds may howl  
around you, and the  
waters swell. But fear  
not, "He is leading you  
by the right way, that he  
may bring you to a city  
of habitation" (Ps. 107:7)**

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**HIS HUMANITY**

## HIS HUMANITY

- ▶ The details highlight the true humanity of Jesus (i.e. "asleep on a pillow")
- ▶ Jesus took to himself a body like our own - flesh and blood
- ▶ Jesus is a sympathizing Savior



***ALMIGHTY POWER AND DEEPEST  
SYMPATHY ARE MET TOGETHER IN  
ONE GLORIOUS PERSON, JESUS  
CHRIST, MY LORD.***

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**HIS FOLLOWERS**



## HIS FOLLOWERS

- ▶ There was *fear/anxiety* in the disciples
- ▶ There was *impatience* in the disciples
- ▶ There was *unbelief* in the disciples
- ▶ There was *distrust* in the disciples

**THE PLAIN TRUTH IS THAT THERE IS NO LITERAL AND ABSOLUTE PERFECTION AMONG TRUE CHRISTIANS, SO LONG AS THEY ARE IN THE BODY.**

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**HIS POWER**

## HIS POWER

- ▶ Study His power in creation
- ▶ Study His power in providence
- ▶ Study His power in miracles
- ▶ Study His power in His calming the storm





**CHRIST IS 'ABLE TO SAVE TO THE  
UTTERMOST'**

**Hebrews 7:25**

THE RULER OF THE WAVES


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**HIS COMPASSION**



# HIS COMPASSION

- ▶ Compassion in His words
- ▶ Compassion in His conduct
- ▶ Compassion in His ministry
- ▶ Compassion in His mission
- ▶ Compassion in His resurrection



**THE LORD JESUS  
WILL NOT CAST  
AWAY HIS  
BELIEVING PEOPLE  
BECAUSE OF  
SHORTCOMINGS  
AND INFIRMITIES**

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