

October 8, 2017
Mark 4:35-41

THE MASTER OF THE STORMS

I. Introduction:

II. Observations on “The Master Of The Storms”

A. The Power Of The Storm

1. The Suddenness Of The Storm:

“a furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped.”

2. The Severity Of The Storm

a.) Storms of Suffering

b.) Storms of Sorrow

c.) Storms of Sin

3. The Source Of The Storms

a.) Sometimes Storms Are Our Own Fault

b.) Sometimes God Sends Storms

c.) Sometimes Satan Is Allowed To Send Storms

B. The Problem Of The Storm

“Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him.....” Mark 4:38

1. They Doubted God's Goodness
"Teacher don't you care if we drown?"
2. They Doubted His Grace
3. They Doubted His Guarantee

III. The Purpose Of The Storm

³⁹He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.⁴⁰ He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" ⁴¹They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

A. What The Disciples Discovered About Their Jesus

1. The Made Discoveries About His Power
2. They Made Discoveries About His Promises
3. They Made Discoveries About His Presence
4. They Made Discoveries About His Purposes
5. They Made Discoveries About His Peace
6. They Made Discoveries About His Person

IV. Conclusion And Application

POINTS TO PONDER
Week of October 8th to 14th
Mark 4:35-41

Open It

1. What do you usually feel like doing after a long, hard day of work?
2. When was the last time you felt out of control?
3. *How do you tend to handle stress—thrive, panic, seek out distractions, procrastinate, etc.?

Explore It

4. When did the events of this story take place? (4:35)
5. *Where did Jesus and His disciples go? How? (4:35-36)
6. Why did the disciples take Jesus along "just as He was"? (4:36)
7. What emergency situation arose? (4:37)
8. *Why were the disciples surprised with Jesus? (4:37-38)
9. What was Jesus doing during a violent storm? (4:38)
10. How was Jesus coping with the storm that threatened Him and His men? (4:38)
11. What is significant about the disciples' questioning Jesus by asking, "Don't you care if we drown?" (4:38)
12. How would you compare Jesus' behavior during this crisis with that of His disciples? (4:38)
13. How did Jesus solve the dilemma He and His disciples were facing? (4:39)
14. *Why did Jesus rebuke His disciples? (4:40)
15. What was the answer to the rhetorical question that the disciples asked? (4:41)

16. What did the disciples learn about Jesus from this event?
(4:39-41)

Get It

17. How do you think Jesus felt after long days of teaching the people, responding to His opponents, and healing the sick?
18. Where do you think Jesus found the strength to maintain such an exhausting level of ministry?
19. When have you ever felt as the disciples did—distressed at events out of control?
20. What have been some of the "storms" in your personal life?
21. *What "storms" or difficulties are you going through right now?
22. How has God helped you handle your fears and frustrations during difficult times?
23. In what specific ways has God shown His care and love for you?
24. What difference does it make to you that Jesus has authority over all the powers and forces of our world?
25. In what area of your life is your faith lacking?
26. *How can you trust more completely in the power and authority of Jesus?
27. What miraculous work would you like Jesus to do in your life? How could you ask Him?
28. In what specific area of your life do you need more faith in God?

Apply It

29. *How can you trust God this upcoming week with situations that get out of control or seem hopeless?