

Facing Life's Storms With Faith Mark 4:35-41

A great storm creates panic & a question about Jesus' concern. 35-38

- This is the first of four miracle stories which prove Jesus' sovereign power over various hostile forces (nature, illness, satanic realm, death). Note other boats present too, no doubt with women aboard, Lk. 8:1-3.
- How is Jesus possibly able to sleep during the storm? Ps. 4:8, Jon.1:5
The 12 believe Jesus is unconcerned about them, Jon.1:6, recall 1:37.
Just what exactly were they expecting Jesus to do to help out?
- Can their panic / fear be our response too? "God, don't you care?"

A great calm occurs as Jesus rebukes the storm & questions the 12. 39,40

- Jesus rebukes the storm as in a demonic exorcism, 1:25, 3:12, 9:25.
- The storm suddenly stops (Jon 1:15) by divine action, Ps. 65:7, 107:23ff.
- Jesus rebukes the 12 as He questions their degree of faith. Why was their panic so wrong? 5:36 Later more frustration: 7:18, 8:17,21,33.

A great fear falls upon the 12, & they now question Jesus' identity. 41

- Jesus calmed the storm, but ironically the 12 are even more afraid now (*Hebraism: "feared a great fear,"* see Jon. 1:16). Why?
- The answer to the question about Jesus' identity will come from Legion.



Are you perhaps going through a "great storm" right now which is testing your faith?

When a "great storm" does hit, what must we remember?

If Jesus is disappointed by a questioning panic, then what follows?
Js. 1:12, 1 Pt. 5:7,10,
Matt. 5:10-12.