

THE WIND AND THE WAVES OBEY HIM

--MARK 4:35-41--

INTRODUCTION:

As we have journeyed through the first four chapters of Mark, we have read of the miracles that Jesus performed, casting out demons, healing the sick, and disabled. All of these miracles were to demonstrate, to authenticate that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God.

In the closing verses of Mark four we have another miracle in which the supernatural power of Jesus was dramatically displayed. Remember that His disciples had seen Jesus heal countless people, each miracle was a vivid demonstration of His supernatural power, but the miracle in today's passage is different, they had never experienced anything of this magnitude. They knew Jesus had authority over demons and disease. But the disciples were in no way prepared for the show of unbridled omnipotence that they would see and experience in this one evening.

I. BEFORE THE STORM (Mark 4:35-36)

- a. This passage picks up at the end of the day that Jesus had been teaching the _____ that we looked at over the last several weeks.
- b. As evening approached after this long day Jesus desired to leave the _____ and go where they could get some rest.
- c. The _____ was probably one of the fishing boats that belonged to Peter and Andrew or James and John.
- d. The Sea of _____ is known by several names in Scripture, the Sea of Chinnereth was often what it was called in the Old Testament.
- e. The Sea of Galilee is about thirty miles _____ of the Mediterranean Sea.
- f. When Jesus and His disciples set out on their way across the _____, conditions were perfect.

II. DURING THE STORM (Mark 4:37-38)

- a. The peaceful, smooth sailing that they were enjoying that evening ended suddenly when there arose a fierce gale of ____.

- b. Jesus during all of this was in the stern of the boat _____ on a cushion.
- c. Remember several of the men in the boat with Jesus were _____ who before being called had made their living on this lake.
- d. Frantic, terrified they woke Jesus and said to Him, "*Teacher, do You not _____ that we are perishing?*" (Mark 4:38b, NASB95)

III. CALMING THE STORM (Mark 4:39-40)

- a. Awaking from the frantic and terrified cries of His disciples, Jesus "*got up and rebuked the _____ and said to the sea, 'Hush, be still.'*" (Mark 4:39a, NASB95)
- b. The wind and the waves instantly _____.
- c. Having calmed the storm, Jesus turned to His astonished _____.
- d. Jesus wanted this situation to clearly teach the disciples that they could _____ Him in even the most treacherous and helpless situations. (1st Peter 5:7; Romans 8:38-39)

IV. RESULT FROM THE STORM (Mark 4:41)

- a. The fact that the disciples were _____ at what they had witnessed is no surprise.
- b. They knew that only _____ possessed such power. (Matthew 14:33)
- c. The fact that they feared with a great fear is the natural response of sinful man whenever he gets a glimpse of God's _____ or realizes that he is in God's presence. (Isaiah 6:5)

CONCLUSION:

This incident shows us that Jesus is the Creator and sustainer of all. We also see His care. In the midst of a raging storm, and in spite of the disciples' lapse of faith, the sovereign Creator rescued them. In this same way, believers today can rest confidently in the truth that through all of the storms we encounter in our lives, the omnipotent Lord of creation is willing and able to deliver those who trust in Him.