

The Gospel of Mark

Scripture: Mark 4:35-41

Also: Mark 10:45; John 1:14; Philippians 2:7; Colossians 2:9; Hebrews 4:15; Genesis 6; 12; 22; 39; James 1:2-3; Colossians 1:16; 1 Thessalonians 5:18;

Questions

1. What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the Scriptures in it?
2. Read Mark 4:35-41. In this story, we see an exhausted, human Jesus revealed as God of creation.
 - What do you notice about Jesus' actions? His speech?
 - What do you notice about the disciples' actions and speech?
3. Notice how, in verse 36, the disciples interpreted Jesus' slumber as an indication of His lack of care for them.
 - What could have allowed them to conclude that?
 - Have you experienced anything similar?
 - Why is it that when we go through difficult circumstances, Christians can often become practical atheists?
 - How confident are you in your heavenly Father when you are walking through storms? If you would rate your confidence level on a scale of 1-10, where would you rate yourself, and why?
4. In verse 41, the disciples fearfully ask, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"
 - Skim through the Gospel of Mark from chapter 1 up until this event at the end of chapter 5.
 - What had the disciples seen so far?
 - Why do you think they questioned who Jesus was?
 - How does their question impact you when you are in a place to question God's power, authority, and care in your life?
5. Jesus sometimes (perhaps often) leads us into storms. J.I. Packer said: "For proof of the truth that following God's guidance brings trouble, look at the life of the Lord Jesus himself. No human life has ever been so completely guided by God, and no human being has ever qualified so comprehensively for the description 'a man of sorrows.'"
 - How have you seen Jesus lead you through storms in the past?
 - How could this event in the life of the disciples help you trust Jesus when He leads you into a storm in the future?

- ***Pause to consider your storms and, if you will, thank God for His sovereignty over them.***