

Mega Storms of Life

Mark 4:35-41

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I. The Lord determined the timing of this event. **Mark 4:35-36**

Memorizing the Word of God is very important; but _____ the Word of God is more important during the storms of life.

- Peter was telling his readers to remember the Lord is _____ of human time and space. In the Lord's economy a thousand years is just like 24 hours to us. **2 Peter 3:8-9**

Loving the Lord first in our lives comes from a _____ heart response to how He loves us. **1 John 4:18-19**

- Since the Lord could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, showing God's promises never change. Abraham's belief in God was the _____ to the fulfillment of the promise.

II. A great storm happens. **Mark 4:37-38**

Jesus' Disciples - Peter, Andrew, James and John - were all from this very area and were all _____ on the Sea of Galilee.

- This wasn't just a little storm; this was a _____-storm.

These followers of Jesus _____ and got into the boat; here, they are enduring a loud, mighty, exceedingly great, MEGA storm, because they obeyed Jesus.

III. *Is the Lord sleeping in my time of need?* **Mark 4:38-40**

Jesus can intercede for us because He has experienced the same _____ we have gone through, yet without sin, so He understands our weaknesses. **Hebrews 4:15**

- In **Mark 4:40**, Jesus rebuked the Disciples' unbelief before He rebuked the storm, because unbelief is way more _____ to believers than any storm this life can throw at us.

In the original language, *be still* is actually *be muzzled*. This is the same thing Jesus said to a demon; so many commentators believe this storm was a satanic _____ to try and destroy Jesus. (**verse 39**)

IV. *Who can this be?* **Mark 4:41**

Notice, Jesus didn't promise them an absence of storms; but He promised them they would make it to the _____.

- *"They were scared because they realized Jesus was less _____ than the storm."* (Tim Keller) **Mark 4:41**

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Read **Mark 4:35-36**. Discuss how the Lord determines the right time for events to happen within the lives of His followers. **Proverbs 3:5-6, Proverbs 16:9, Ecclesiastes 3:1, Lamentations 3:25-26, 2 Peter 3:8-9**
2. Read **Mark 4:37-38**. Discuss the type of storm Mark spoke of. *Even though there are often wind storms on the Sea of Galilee, do you believe this was abnormal? Who caused this storm to happen?*
3. Discuss the hypostatic union of Jesus Christ. **Matthew 8:27, Mark 15:39, Luke 5:24, John 1:1,14, John 11:35, John 19:5, John 20:8, Colossians 1:15-18, Hebrews 1:1,8, Hebrews 4:15**
4. *How do we (and our culture) often present Jesus as a means to a happy ending? Why is the assumption that 'life with Christ should be easy' dangerous to the kingdom of God and our faith in God?* **John 16:33, 1 Corinthians 10:13, 2 Corinthians 4:8-9, Philippians 4:12-13**
5. *How does knowing Jesus' true identity help us have peace within the storms of life?* **Psalm 4:8, Psalm 27:1, Psalm 89:8, Isaiah 26:3, Isaiah 41:13, Luke 10:41-42, John 16:33, Ephesians 2:13, Philippians 4:6-9**
6. In **Mark 4:41**, it says, *"They feared exceedingly."* Why did the Disciples fear more once Jesus calmed the storm than they feared during the actual storm?
7. Discuss the Practical Applications from the sermon.