

Texts: Luke 8:24, Mark 4:35-41

Introduction:

A. The Disciples' Predicament: They encountered a storm.

1. Their predicament was unexpected (v. 37)
2. Their predicament was unprecedented (v. 37)

B. The Disciples' Perplexity: Jesus asleep amidst the storm.

1. Their perplexity was due to the Master's seeming indifference. (v. 38)
2. Their perplexity was due to the Master's seeming inaction. (v. 38)
3. Their perplexity led to the disciples' desperation. (v. 38)

C. The Master's Power: He rebuked the wind. (v. 39)

1. The demonstration of the Master's power is distinct. (v. 41)
2. The implication of the Master's power is unique. (v. 41)
 - a. The Master's power goes beyond His humanity. (v. 41)
 - b. The Master's power attests His divinity.
(v. 41; Phil. 2:5-11; Ps. 107:28-29; Ps. 65:7)

Conclusion:

Read Mark 4: 35 – 41 and Luke 8:24.

1. The disciples in last Sunday's message experienced a literal storm that caused them extreme fear. Today, a storm speaks of life's unexpected "crisis" or "mountain-like" challenges we face. Share a major "storm" or "crisis" that you or your family have encountered. How did you handle it?

2. What perplexed the disciples during the violent storm? Share your honest feelings of Jesus' behavior during this time.

3. What is the connection between the Christ of Christmas and the Christ of the storm in the context of our life's challenges?

4. What is the main lesson the Master wants to instill in the minds of the disciples and us today?

PRAY