



Chapter 8:23-27

- Matt. 8:23 Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him.
- Matt. 8:24 And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep.
- Matt. 8:25 Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!"
- Matt. 8:26 But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.
- Matt. 8:27 So the men marveled, saying, "Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"

Mark's account

- Mark 4:35 On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side."
- Mark 4:36 Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him.
- Mark 4:37 And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling.
- Mark 4:38 But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?"
- Mark 4:39 Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.
- Mark 4:40 But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?"
- Mark 4:41 And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!"

Observations & Discussion

1. Notice that it was Jesus' idea to get into a boat and cross the lake. I'm pretty sure that He also knew that a violent storm was coming. Question—why would Jesus knowingly put His disciples into a dangerous situation?
2. Do you think Jesus would ever put **you** into a dangerous or difficult situation? What might He want to teach you through such an experience?
3. Comparing Matthew and Mark's accounts give three reasons why the disciples should **not** have been afraid of the storm.
4. Vs. 39 of Mark's account can be translated "*be muzzled and remain so.*" It's the same phrase Jesus used in Mark 1:25. Compare Jesus' rebuke of the storm with Mark 1:23-25. What does this suggest about the **source** of the storm?
5. Based on your answer above what does that suggest about **some** of the storms you face in life? What are the things in life that threaten your faith in Jesus?
6. It's been said that our greatest problems are not the storms around us rather, our greatest problems are the doubts within us! Knowing all that you know about Jesus why do you still have doubts and fears?