

## **Jesus Calms the Sea**

### **Matthew 8:18-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25**

“Jesus takes His disciples from the classroom to the laboratory. Having just taught that God’s power will cause His kingdom to grow to worldwide proportion and influence, Jesus now performs four miracles that demonstrate this divine might.” King James Study Bible p. 1501 1. Power over \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Power over \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Power over \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Power over \_\_\_\_\_

#### **I. Trip Across the Sea Commanded**

“(“And the same day, when the even was come,” Mark 4:35) Now when Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ great multitudes \_\_\_\_\_ him, he (“saith unto them(“his disciples” Luke 8:22), Let us pass over unto the other side. And when they had sent away the multitude, they took even as he \_\_\_\_\_ in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships.” Mark 4:35-36) gave commandment to depart unto the other side.” Matthew 8:18

“And the same day, when the even was come,” –

“Let us pass over unto the other side.” –

“they took even as he was in the ship.” –

#### **II. Trip Across the Sea Delayed – Two \_\_\_\_\_ Disciples**

##### **1. “a certain scribe”**

“And a certain \_\_\_\_\_ came, and said unto him, Master, I \_\_\_\_\_ follow thee whithersoever thou goest. <sup>20</sup>And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the \_\_\_\_\_ hath not where to lay his head.” Matthew 8:19-20

“a certain scribe” –

“Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.” –

“Son of man hath not where to lay his head.” –

## 2. “another of his disciples”

“And another of his disciples said unto him, Lord, suffer me first to go and \_\_\_\_\_ my father. <sup>22</sup> But Jesus said unto him, \_\_\_\_\_; and let the dead bury their dead.” Matthew 8:21-22  
“another of his disciples” –

“Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father” –

“Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead.” –

## III. Trip Across the Sea in Peril

“And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him. <sup>24</sup>And (“as they sailed he fell \_\_\_\_\_:” Luke 8:23), behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, (“there came down a (“great” Mark 4:37) storm of \_\_\_\_\_ on the lake” Luke 8:23), insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves (“so that it was now full.” Mark 4:37) (“and were in jeopardy.” Luke 8:23): but he was \_\_\_\_\_ (“in the hinder part of the ship, \_\_\_\_\_ on a pillow” Mark 4:38). <sup>25</sup>And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, (“Master, carest thou not that we perish?” Mark 4:38; “Master, master, we perish.” Luke 8:24) Lord, save us: we perish.” Matthew 8:23-25

“his disciples followed him.” –

“as they sailed he fell asleep” –

“a great tempest in the sea”/“a great storm of wind” –

“Lord, save us: we perish.” –

“Master, carest thou not that we perish?” –

“Master, master, we perish.” –

#### IV. Trip Across the Sea Calmed

**“(“Then he arose,” Luke 8:24) And he saith unto them, \_\_\_\_\_ are ye fearful, (“\_\_\_\_\_ is it that ye have no faith”/“\_\_\_\_\_ is your faith?” Mark 4:40/Luke 8:25) O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; (“and said unto the sea, Peace, be still (Lit - \_\_\_\_\_).” Mark 4:39) (“and they ceased,” Luke 8:24) and was a great calm. <sup>27</sup> But the men marveled, (“And they feared exceedingly”/“And they being afraid wondered,” Mark 4:41/Luke 8:25) saying, What manner of man is this, (“for he commanded” Luke 8:25) that even the winds and the sea obey him (“and they obey him.” Luke 8:25)!” Matthew 8:26-27**

Difference between Matthew’s account and Mark/Luke –

“Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith?” –

“Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?” –

“Where is your faith? –

“a great calm” –

“What manner of man is this,” –

## Believers Application:

### 1. Lessons from “want-to-be” disciples.

1. Others may have the comforts of life, but a faithful follower must have other \_\_\_\_\_! But know, that God will supply all your needs!

2. Our citizenship and loyalty must be set toward heaven. Those spiritually alive, born again, are called to do eternal business. Unbelievers, spiritually dead, can care for the things of this world. Only \_\_\_\_\_ can do spiritual work.

3. A decision needed to be made. Jesus plainly said, “follow me.” The invitation was there. But keep in mind that \_\_\_\_\_ should be placed above a total commitment to follow Christ!

### 2. Lessons from fearful, faithless disciples.

#### Observations:

1. The violent storm didn't bother Jesus, the faithless disciples did. Throughout the Gospels, we read of Jesus rebuking the disciples about their lack of faith or their little faith! Faithlessness grieves the heart of God!
2. Jesus had told the disciples they were going to the other side. No force of nature was going to prevent what Jesus had promised.
3. Sometimes, we may feel God is unconcerned or unaware of our tempest. Realize this is not true but is an old lie of the Devil to cause you to lose faith!
4. They had obediently followed Jesus but were led into a storm. Jesus never promises a carefree, problem-free life but He has promised to always be with us.
5. Fear and faithlessness can often be the human default! Storms of life can cause great turmoil and pain, but the decision on how we react is ours.