

# Miracle Worker

Part Eight: *a storm*

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Jesus performed miracles in public places in front of hundreds of people, but He also performed miracles in private settings in front of only a few witnesses. *We see one of Jesus' private miracles in the fourth chapter of Mark's gospel when...*

## **Jesus stills a storm for His disciples – Mark 4:35-41**

**1<sup>st</sup> – Mark tells us how the disciples were caught by a fierce storm. Vs. 35-37**

Because of its unique location, the weather around Lake Galilee can change quickly and dramatically. As cooler air travels down from the northern Golan Heights, it collides with the warm air in the basin of the lake, creating turbulent winds and waves.

*Did Jesus know His disciples would be caught in a fierce storm?* Of course! The Lord Jesus knows everything, and He is in control of all things. Jesus either caused the storm or allowed it. I believe Jesus used the storm to teach His disciples about Himself and show them that they can trust Him with every area of their lives.

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Mark tells us what Christ did during the storm. Vs. 38a**

*Why was Jesus sleeping during the fierce storm?* Christ was worn out from preaching all day. *How was Jesus able to sleep through the storm?* Storms don't scare the Lord of Creation. The Bible says Jesus created the universe and everything in it. Everything we see (and don't see) was created by Him and for Him (Colossians 1:15-17)! And the Lord sustains all His creation!

**3<sup>rd</sup> - Mark tells us what the crew was thinking during the storm. Vs. 38b**

As the men bailed water from their boat and tried to row to safety, they couldn't understand how Jesus could sleep through the fierce storm. The disciples convinced themselves that Jesus did not truly care for them even though they had seen His love and compassion many times.

**4<sup>th</sup> – Mark tells us how Jesus quickly calmed the fierce storm. Vs. 39-40**

After the disciples questioned Jesus' love for them, The Lord stood up in the rocking boat and commanded the wind and the waves to "Hush Be still!" In an instant, the dark clouds, rain, wind, and waves were gone! After harshly rebuking the storm, Jesus gently rebuked his disciples. First, the Lord asked them, "Why are you afraid?" Second, Jesus asked His disciples, "Do you still have no faith?"

**5<sup>th</sup> – Mark tells us how Jesus' miracle challenged His disciples. Vs. 41**

The fierce storm had scared the disciples, but the calm Jesus created absolutely terrified the men. Jesus could control nature, which meant He was God, for only God possessed such power. The thought that they were in a boat with God challenged the men to ask are we willing to trust and obey the Lord of the Lake?

## ***Takeaways from Mark 4:35-41...***

1. We need to remember Jesus is with us when we are in a storm.

The disciples panicked during the storm. They spent hours fighting the wind and waves! But there is no reason to fear a storm when Jesus is with you!

2. We need to remember Jesus loves us when we are in a storm.

Jesus proved His love for us when He died on the cross for our sins (Romans 5:6-8). We are told in the Word of God to cast all our cares upon Christ - for He cares for us (1 Peter 5:6-7). Jesus wants us to give Him our needs, wants, fears, and frustrations, and ask for His help, blessings, and protection.

3. We need to remember what Jesus has promised us when we are in a storm.

The disciples had little faith during the fierce storm because they had forgotten God's promises to them (Psalm 107). Likewise, we must remember Christ's promises to us to have faith during a storm (Matthew 6:26; 7:7-11; John 16:33; Romans 8:28; 35-39; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4, 20; Philippians 4:6-7, 13, 19; Hebrews 13:5; 1 John 1:9).