



Jesus Is Lord Over Difficulties

Mark 4:35-41

I. The Strategic Withdrawal (vv. 35-36)

- A. A _____ ministry (Mk. 1:32-33; 3:20)
- B. A need to get _____ (Mk. 6:31; Lk. 5:16; Isa. 46:10; Matt. 11:28)

II. The Sudden Storm (v. 37)

- A. Thunderstorms can be _____ (Mk. 5:36; Jn. 16:33; Jn. 10:10)
- B. There is no _____ that is beyond the power of Jesus (Mk. 1:23-26, 29-31, 32-34, 40-42; 2:1-12; 3:1-5, 7-12)

III. The Sleeping Savior (v. 38)

- A. The contrast of _____ (Jn. 4:6; Heb. 4:15; Matt. 26:38)
- B. The contrast of _____ (Jon. 1:4-16; Psa. 121:3-4; Phil. 2:8; 1 Pet. 5:7; Isa. 40:28)

IV. The Sovereign Authority (v. 39)

- A. Jesus is Lord over _____ (Col. 1:16-17; Psa. 107:28-29; Jn. 1:3)
- B. Jesus is Lord over your _____ (Col. 3:2-3; Jms. 1:2-4; Rom. 5:1-5; Matt. 7:7; Jn. 15:16)

V. The Sharp Rebuke (v. 40-41)

- A. There is a greater _____ (Matt. 10:28; 2 Tim. 1:7; Isa. 35:4; 54:4)
- B. There is a greater _____ (Heb. 11:1; Prov. 3:5-6; Isa. 55:8-9; Rom. 8:28)

TAKE HOME:

- What do the storms of this life _____ about your heart?
- Do you believe that if Jesus is in control of the seas that He is also _____ in control of your situation?
- What or who do you fear more—the storm or the _____ of the storm?

Application Questions

James 1:22 says, *"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."* These questions are designed to help you apply today's message in your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others.

1. Where do I need a daily withdrawal with God (Word, prayer, stillness) instead of letting busyness drain my soul? (Ps. 46:10; Mk. 6:31; Lk. 5:16)
2. When a sudden storm hits my life, what do I run to first—panic/control or Christ/trust? (Jn. 16:33; Mk. 5:36; 2 Tim. 1:7)
3. What current difficulty is exposing my faith, focus, trust, and priorities—and what is it revealing about my heart? (Jas. 1:2–4; Rom. 5:3–5; Prov. 3:5–6)
4. When God feels silent (like Jesus "asleep"), am I assuming He doesn't care—or choosing to trust His steady care? (Isa. 40:28; Ps. 121:3–4; 1 Pet. 5:7)
5. If Jesus is truly Lord over creation, what part of my situation am I still refusing to submit to His authority? (Col. 1:16–17; Ps. 107:28–29; Jn. 1:3)
6. What would it look like this week to set my mind on things above instead of being dominated by what's happening around me? (Col. 3:2–3; Matt. 7:7; Jn. 15:16)
7. Which "lesser fear" is controlling me most (people, loss, the unknown), and how can a greater fear of God reshape my choices? (Matt. 10:28; Isa. 35:4; Isa. 54:4)
8. Do I need growth in sustaining faith—not just believing Jesus can save, but trusting Him to rule in the middle of my storm? (Heb. 11:1; Prov. 3:5–6; Rom. 8:28)

*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

- Horatio Spafford