

Luke 8:22-25

3 Approaches To Facing The Storms Of Life



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Background

- Written by Luke (also wrote Acts) approx. (62AD) to “Theophilus”, lit. “lover of God”
- Written as explanation/defense of Christianity
- This section; Luke shows Jesus is all-powerful Sovereign Who has authority over all things
- Verses, Jesus very busy; becoming more popular and imparting divine revelation
- Disciples being molded and shaped by Jesus to know Kingdom word and ways

Realizing Jesus' Purposes

- (v.22) Jesus and disciples ministering in region of Galilee; crowds now seeking Him
- After busy day of serving/teaching, Jesus gathers disciples into boat to cross Sea of Galilee
- Jesus could have walked; had purpose in sailing; gave instructions but never said it would be easy or no challenges
- Jesus had important reason for journey, but disciples couldn't know at first

- Rom. 8:28, “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.”

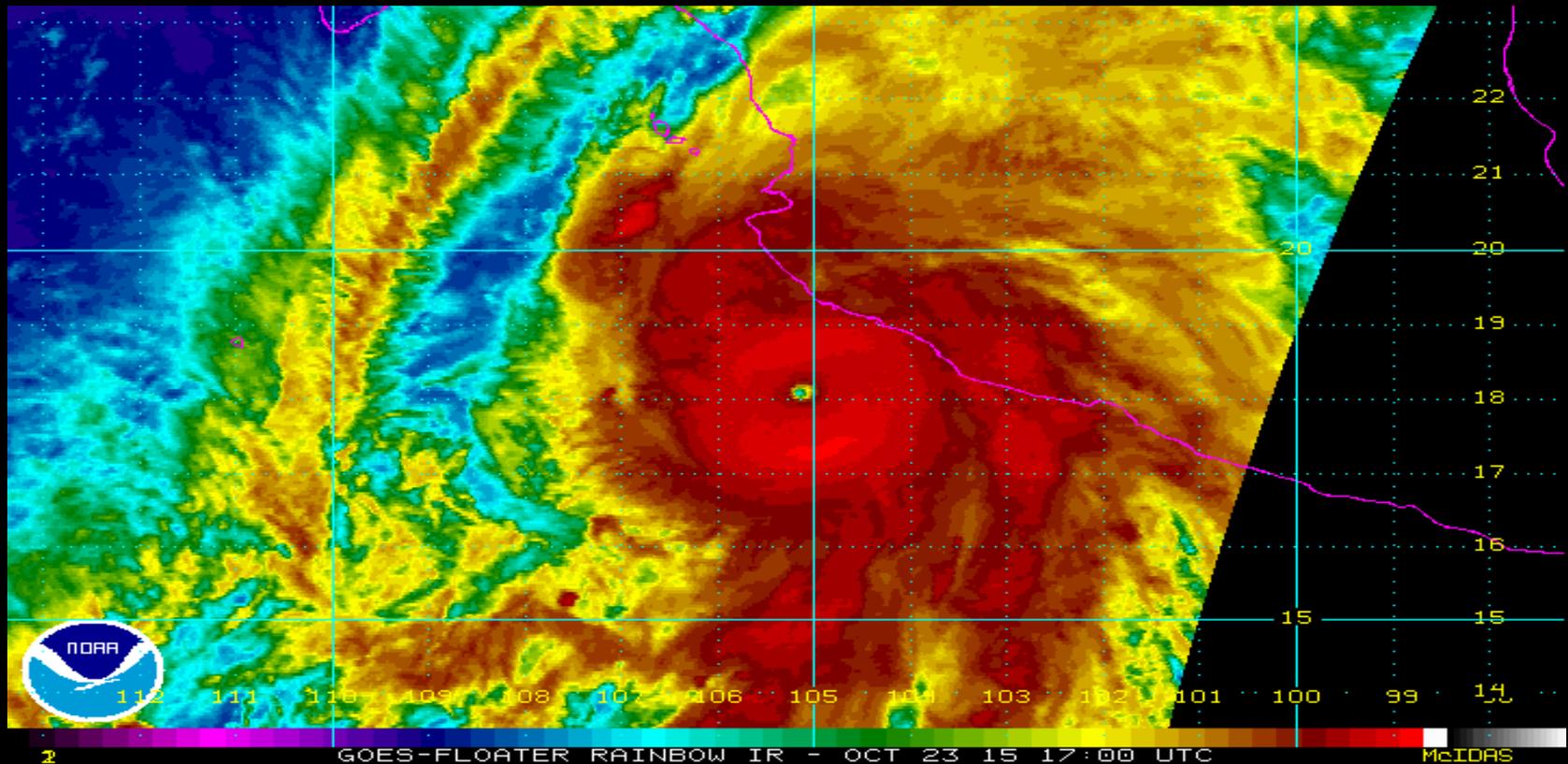


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Remembering Jesus' Presence

- (vv.23-24) Luke shows greatness of Jesus; He fully God, but also fully Man
- Jesus so exhausted, He slept during violent storm (Sea of Galilee famous for sudden, violent storms)
- Disciples knew exactly where to get help; called out to Jesus, "Master, Master"
- Jesus "rebuked" storm and there was perfect calm; not even waves
- Jesus is Lord of all; always in control

- Ps. 89:8-9, “O Lord God of hosts, Who is mighty like You, O Lord? Your faithfulness also surrounds You. You rule the raging of the sea, when its waves rise, You still them.”



Rehearsing Jesus' Position And Power

- (v.25) Luke shows possible reason for storm; Jesus concerned about disciples' faith
- They received much teaching; here was opportunity to put it into real life
- Disciples realized there no One like Jesus; they were amazed and in awe
- Jesus can do all things and has all power
- In storms we can focus on His greatness; past, present, and future

- John 21:25, “And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

