

**The Gospel According to Mark
Jesus. Servant. Master.**

Lesson 18

Read Mark 4:35 – 41

Introduction: *Jesus had two questions. After asking, “Why are you so fearful?” He then asked, “How is it that you had no faith?” When our problems seem big, our faith can get small. It was fear that caused the disciples to lose their faith. It is glorious to know that our heavenly Father is watching over us, that He loves us, that He cares for us, and that He is in control. When we don’t understand what is happening around us, we can still trust Jesus. We don’t need to fear. Jesus is on board, He is able to calm the storm, and He will bring us safely into that eternal harbor.*

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1. Read Matthew 8:23 – 27 and Luke 8:22 – 25. Compare all three accounts. What are some of the differences you see in these three stories?
2. According to Mark 4:35 and Luke 8:22 what was the promise Jesus gave to His disciples?
 - What promise did Jesus give to us according to John 14:2 – 3?

- How was this promise confirmed in Acts 1:9 – 11?

3. According to Mark 4:36 there were *other little boats* crossing as well. Mark's gospel is the only one who recorded this. Do you think all of the boats safely crossed over or just the disciples boat with Jesus in it? Why do you think they did or didn't?

4. We are told that there was a great storm and the waves were filling the boat up with water but according Mark 4:38 Jesus was asleep in the stern. What did the disciples say to Jesus using the three different gospel accounts?

- Have you ever cried out to the Lord in a moment of fear or under great distress and said "Lord save me, don't you care I'm going to die"? (Explain your circumstances)

- What took place when Peter stepped out in faith according to Matthew 14:25 – 32?

5. It is interesting that the storm did not wake up Jesus...His disciples did. What did Jesus do and say to His disciples in Mark 4:39 – 40?

- What are some of the lessons you learned from this story?