



“Lord of the Storm”

Mark 4:35-41 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon
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Introduction –*Jesus has begun to face opposition to His ministry. But as we will see today, not even a powerful storm can stop him from ministering to those who need Him.*

I. The Pressures of Life.

- A. After a full day of teaching the crowds, Jesus made a decision to “go to the other side.”
- B. Jesus is worn out and exhausted, and He is helped into a boat where He falls asleep.
- C. This event in Jesus’ ministry has all the hallmarks of eyewitness testimony.
- D. Jesus and the disciples find themselves in the middle of a storm, in the middle of the night.
 - 1. This was no ordinary storm.
 - 2. The disciples are afraid and question whether Jesus cares for them.

II. The Power of Jesus.

- A. The simplicity of Jesus’ command.

- B. The Bible likens evil to the unruly sea.
- C. Along with the Bible, even ancient cultures believed that only God could control the sea.
- D. Jesus stopped the sea, and in doing so, fulfilled the Scripture. (Psalm 107:22-30)
- E. The wind and sea obeyed Jesus!

III. The Petrified Disciples.

- A. Before Jesus calmed the storm the disciples were afraid.
- B. After Jesus calmed the storm the disciples were even more afraid.
- C. Jesus corrects their theology – “*Why are you afraid?*” “*Where is your faith?*”
- D. The Jonah connection.

Conclusion