

Series: The Gospel of Luke

Sermon: When the Winds & Waves Rage

Passage: Luke 8:22-25 (ESV)

Illustration: What is the one subject we can always talk about with almost everyone? the Weather.

Need: The deity of Jesus is witnessed by his power and authority over nature.

I. Who then is this?

- This is someone who had business on the other side of the lake.
- This is someone who was so exhausted that he fell asleep in a boat full of men working.
- This is someone who spoke to the raging storm and it obeyed.
- This is someone who expected his disciples to demonstrate more faith.

II. Only the Creator has the power and authority to command His creation.

- Gen. 1 & 9 - the creation of the universe and the subsequent destruction of the earth.
- Ex. 7-10 & 14 - the Egyptian plagues and the crossing of the Red Sea.
- Num. 16 - the earth swallows up Korah and his band of rebels.
- Joshua 3 & 10 - Israel crosses the Jordan river and the sun stands still during battle with Amorites.
- 1 Kings 17-18 - God withhold rain for 3 years but provides food and water for Elijah via ravens.
- Isa. 38 - God moves the sun dial back as a sign to King Hezekiah.
- Jonah - duh
- John 1:1 & 3 - Jesus, the Word, is God from the beginning and all things were made through Him.
- Col. 1:16-17 - All things were created by Jesus and by Him all things hold together.
- Psalms 107: 1-3 & 23-32 - Jesus demonstrates the authority and power attested to Yahweh.
- Who then is this? This Jesus is someone who can do what only God can do.
- This Jesus is both fully human and fully God in one existence (Hypostatic Union).

III. Christians and the BIG mistakes we often make about storms.

- Forgetting that God is completely sovereign over His creation. He's in control.
- Believing that everything that happens to us is something God causes.
- Assuming that God's people are exempt from suffering that everyone else is experiencing.
- Living in the extremes of fear or recklessness.
- Forgetting that God works in all things for His glory and that no storm will ever alter His plan.

IV. Where is your faith?

- Believe in Jesus (rest your faith in Him and Him alone)
- Whatever He says, do it with confidence.
- Don't be surprised when storms arise. God's not surprised.
- When the storms begin to rage, don't give in to fear.
- Trust God and keep obeying.