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LESSON 205 JESUS CALMS THE STORMY SEA

Story Elements

- TEXT: Mark 4:35-41
- Setting: circa A.D. 28
- Characters: God, Jesus, and the disciples
- Plot: Jesus shows his power over nature by calming a stormy sea.

- Key words: "_____, be still."
- Climax: Mark 4:38 And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?.

Big Crowd

- 1) (v 35) After ministering on the crowded western side of the Sea of Galilee, Jesus proposed to go to the other side, the eastern shore, where there were ______ and perhaps a chance for a reprieve from the hectic healing/teaching ministry.
- (v 36) Jesus had already been in a boat that he used as a speaking platform; the disciples (many who were experienced ______) simply launched from the shore where Christ was preaching, followed by other boats.

Big Storm

- (v 37) As the fleet of small vessels made its way to the eastern shore, a fierce storm arose – a storm so fierce that even experienced sailors feared they would ______.
- 4) (v 38) But Jesus, laying on a pillow in the back of the boat, was fast asleep.
 - a) This shows us a striking picture of Christ's _____: exhausted after a long preaching crusade, even a violent storm could not wake him from his slumber.
 - b) The doctrine of Christ's humanity is as important as his divinity we need a Savior who is both God and _____.

2 John 7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

5) The disciples in a panic woke Jesus from his deep sleep, saying, "Master, carest thou ______ that we perish?"

Small Faith

- 6) (v 39) The Savior simply spoke the word and willed the storm into submission "Peace, be ______." The violent waves did not slowly subside but were immediately calmed at the Christ's command.
- 7) (v 40) Jesus then asks the disciples, "Why are you so fearful? How is it that ye have no faith?" What do you think Jesus meant by this? Notice:
 - a) They had ______ faith, for they went to him for help.
 - b) But in this case, it was as if they had no faith. They were like the children of Israel, who, when they became thirsty, doubted God's ______ and care.

Exodus 17:7 And he called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah, because of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, Is the LORD among us, or not?

 8) (v 41) The frightened disciples go from fear of the storm to fear of the _____. They ask, "What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" This shows that the disciples were still coming to terms as to Christ's nature and what it meant for him to be the Messiah.

Application

9) We would understand the disciples fear under the circumstances, but the rebuke by Jesus was well deserved. We are guilty of the same lack of faith when trouble and turmoil causes us to question God's ______ towards us and his care.

Answer Key

- Key Word(s): peace
- fewer people
 fishermen
- 3. drown
- 4. a) humanity; b) man

- 5. not 6. still 7. a) some; b) goodness
- 8. Savior
- 9. intentions