

APPLY

- This passage illustrates for us the humanity of Jesus in him being tired and in need of sleep. What does the 'human side' of Jesus' nature say about our own physical needs and limitations?
- Squalls and storms are normal, natural occurrences over large bodies of water, such as the Sea of Galilee. And yet, on the other side of the lake, a supernatural confrontation was soon to take place. Was the storm just a natural phenomenon? Or was it a preemptive supernatural strike by Satan? Does it matter?
- In Mark's gospel, the disciples ask Jesus, "don't you care if we drown?"(4:38). Would you have asked Jesus that same question in that moment? Why? Why not?
- Have you asked God that same question amidst a storm in your own life? How did things resolve? Share.
- This story reveals that Jesus is much greater than we tend to think. How hard is it to view Jesus as also Creator God?

DISCUSSION CLOSE/HOMEWORK

In the storm, the disciples' faith was tested on several levels:

- Did Jesus' care? Was he concerned about their fate?
- Did they think he would act when called upon?
- Did they see the extent of his power to save them?
- To enlarge your view of Jesus, read Psalm 65:7, 89:9, 106:7-9, and Colossians 1:16

GROUP PRAYER FOCUS

- Ask Jesus to help each person in your group see him in the midst of the storm of COVID19 and any other storm you may be encountering. Ask him to help you choose faith over fear.

Investigating JESUS

in the Gospel of Luke

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Week 14: Choosing Faith over Fear

Key Text: Luke 8:22-25

OPEN

In this short passage, astounding truths about Jesus are revealed to help us choose faith over fear amidst life's storms. In a simple boat ride across a lake, both Jesus' human and divine nature come together to show us Jesus' true nature and power. After a busy time of ministry, Jesus falls asleep in the boat. In his humanity, he is so tired that not even a dangerous storm wakens him. But what does awaken Jesus is the pleading of his disciples in their fear of being overtaken by the furious storm's wind and waves. Jesus responds by rebuking the storm, where even the waves become immediately calm. At seeing Jesus' power, the disciples move from a fear of dying to having a greater 'fear of the Lord' in Jesus' power. They suddenly see who Jesus really is!

REFLECT

- In looking at what comes before this story, what was it that likely caused Jesus to become tired and in need of rest?
- Jesus tells the disciples that he wants them to take him to the 'other side' of the lake. What awaits them on the other side? How does the storm possibly prepare them?
- Even though the disciples had already seen Jesus do some amazing things, how does this miracle seem to be greater?
- What do you think was behind Jesus asking the disciples, 'Where is your faith?' What was Jesus getting at?