

★ Even the Winds and the Sea Obey ★

1st - 3rd Grade
Lesson 1

The Majesty of Christ

God created the earth and all that is in it. All He did was speak, and everything appeared. He said, "Let there be light: and there was light" (Genesis 1:3). It is no wonder that in our lesson today the winds and sea obeyed His voice.

What Manner of Man Is This?

Jesus wanted to show the disciples His power. He wanted them to trust Him. They went down to the lake, the Sea of Galilee. "Let's go over to the other side," He told them. They didn't know it, but this trip across the lake would be like no other.

The disciples had seen Jesus do miracles. But they had never seen anything like this before. In Luke, they asked each other, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the sea obey His voice."

What Manner of Storm?

Some of the disciples were fishermen. They had sailed on the lake many times. Jesus and the disciples got into the ship. The disciples started rowing to the other side. Jesus went to the back of the ship and went to sleep.

Mark 4:37 says that, a little later, "there arose a great storm of wind." This wasn't just a little bit of wind. It was a "great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full."

The disciples had seen many storms on the Sea of Galilee. But this time, they were afraid. Jesus was still asleep. After all, He wasn't afraid of the storm. He knew just what was going on. The disciples woke up Jesus and cried, "Lord, save us: we perish" (Matthew 8:25).

What Manner of Disciples?

Why were the disciples so scared? They had watched Jesus heal sick people and blind people. They had seen Him raise the dead. They should have known that He would take care of them. He was right there in the ship with them. But at that moment, they forgot all they had seen Jesus do. That's why they were afraid.

Yes, they had seen Jesus heal others. But this was the first time they were in danger of dying. They looked at the storm. They forgot to look to Jesus for help. They forgot to trust Him. When they woke Jesus up, He said, "Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?" (Mark 4:40)

To have faith in Jesus means to trust Him. You know that He will take care of you. It means you are not afraid. In Mark, the disciples said to Jesus, "Don't you care that we are about to die?"

