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Jesus Shows He Is True God

Law/Gospel

Sin causes me to fear and doubt that God cares for or loves me. My fears suffocate faith and lead me to despair and hopelessness.

God's Son, who suffered and died for me, is the proof that God cares for me and will never leave me nor forsake me.

Bible Words

[Jesus said,] "Do not fear, only believe."

Mark 5:36

Fun Facts

Fishing boats on the Sea of Galilee often were made of cypress and cedar, both available nearby. Usually about twenty-five feet long and seven feet across, boats had two or three seats from side to side and a space near the middle for casting nets. Oars or sails moved a boat. At the stern, or back, a raised platform provided another seat. Owners stored cushions underneath to rest on during a long night of net fishing. Jesus rested on a cushion like this during the storm that frightened the disciples.

Jesus Calms a Storm

Mark 4:35–41

Squalls develop quickly and violently on the Sea of Galilee. Surrounded by high hills, the sea lies 680 feet below sea level. When the cool, dry air of the mountains meets the warm, moist air of the sea, storms develop. A sudden storm once arose around several boats carrying Jesus and His disciples.

Many people had gathered to hear Jesus that day, so He got into a boat to teach the people onshore (Mark 4:1). When evening came, Jesus wanted to go to the other side of the lake. Several other boats traveled along.

A great windstorm arose, making large waves that started to fill the boat. Despite the ruckus, Jesus slept soundly on a cushion in the back of the boat. The disciples finally woke Him, saying, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" (v. 38).

Jesus woke up, rebuked the wind, and commanded the sea to be still. The wind ceased and the sea calmed. Jesus turned to His disciples and asked, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" (v. 40).

The power of their amazing rabbi frightened the disciples more than the storm. Filled with great fear, they asked one another who this man was, that even the wind and sea obeyed Him. It took time to sink in, but the Holy Spirit helped the disciples understand that Jesus is the Son of God.

The One who quieted nature's bluster gave up His own life to pay the price for our sins. The One who loved sinners proved it on the cross. The One who surrendered claimed victory over sin, death, and the devil when He rose from the dead. Who is this? Our Lord and God, the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ.

Prayer

Jesus, we believe in You; help our unbelief. Help us understand Your life, death, and resurrection as the sacrifice that sets us free and gives us new life. In Your name we pray. Amen.

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