

## ***Mark 4 | Jesus Calms the Storm***

**Mark 4:35-41**

*Based on NLT*

### **Transition**

*Jesus had been teaching many people on the side of a lake all day...*

### **Mark 4:35-37**

As evening came, Jesus said to his *closest followers*, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake." So they took Jesus in the boat and started out, leaving the crowds behind (although other boats followed). But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water.

### **Mark 4:38-40**

Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. *His closest followers* woke him up, shouting, "Teacher, don't you care that we're going to drown?"

When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Silence! Be still!" Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still *not trust in me*?"

### **Mark 4:41**

*His closest followers* were absolutely terrified. "Who is this man?" they asked each other. "Even the wind and waves obey him!"

## **Introduction**

This is the first in a trilogy of stories probably meant to illustrate Jesus' power over nature, evil, and death. The sea and wind in this story have characteristics of evil forces, and Jesus seems to react to them—with rebuke and powerful words—in the same way that he reacts to evil spirits. He brings life where there is death and destruction.

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