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THE MESSIAH:
PREPARE THE WAY FOR
THE KING

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

WHO AM I? // WHO IS JESUS?



CHAPTER 2

When Jesus left the Galilee several days back, the word spread quickly that he was back home. It seemed like where he was staying was packed with visitors that there was no room, even outside the door. While he was preaching God's word to them, Jesus met several curious people who, in a moment, could bring him to tears because of the crowd, others could bring him to life because of the crowd, and others could bring him to life because of the crowd.

13 Later, Levi invited Jesus and his disciples to a dinner guest, along with his colleagues and other guests. 14 When many more people of Galilee came among Jesus' followers, 15 He told the teachers of religion, "You were the ones who left him, eating with tax collectors and other sinners, when you left." 16 "Why do the people say that?" they asked.

"Why do you think he left?" Jesus said. "It's

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When the crowd saw the tomb, they had a moving point of view. As the people were walking out of the city gate, they were shocked by the tomb. "Look at the tomb," they said. "Did he resurrect? Didn't he resurrect? You are leading the Jews of Nazareth who were crucified. He isn't here. He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid his body. Now go and tell his disciples, including the ones that Jesus is young about of you and your family. You will see him later, just as he has been before.

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Mark 4:35–41 (NASB)

35 On that day, when evening came, He said to them, “Let us go over to the other side.” 36 Leaving the crowd, they took Him along with them in the boat, just as He was; and other boats were with Him. 37 And there arose a fierce gale of wind, and the waves were breaking over the boat so much that the boat was already filling up. 38 Jesus Himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke Him and said to Him, “Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?” 39 And He got up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Hush, be still.” And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm. 40 And He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?” 41 They became very much afraid and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?”

- Mark is challenging us with what it looks like to put our faith in the Servant King
- Luther said faith consists of 3 elements:
 - Evidence
 - Attraction
 - Commitment
- Through questions, Jesus will drive us toward trust and higher expressions of faith

- V. 38—the storm comes and the disciples believe they are going to die
- They wake Jesus up with a childish question—“Don’t you care?”
 - This question revealed that they weren’t interested in Jesus’ identity or mission
 - They wanted their circumstances to change NOW!

- We agree—it sure looks like Jesus literally fell asleep at the wheel!
 - We wonder if Jesus cares; if he's even up to the task of meeting my needs
- In reality, it isn't that he doesn't care about you, its that he isn't worried about storms!
 - He's not sleeping due to indifference
 - He's providing them with an opportunity to see what deep faith can look like
- Trusting Jesus during the storm, whatever the outcome

- V. 39–rebuke = correcting an unruly child or disobedient employee
- Is Jesus speaking to the storm?
 - Yes, of course; but I think he's also speaking to the disciples
- Their circumstances had led to a stormy soul
 - Thank God it's just a little faith he responds to!

- This also speaks into our obedience as loving children with a healthy fear of and faith in Jesus
 - Maybe one of the reasons we are casual in our obedience (and our circumstances are painful) is because we have no fear of Jesus
 - Demons, death, disease obeyed him—who are you to disobey him?
- Some of us treat the commands of Jesus so casually
- The awe of a holy God and the love we have because he died so we could call him Father converge at the cross of Jesus!

- V. 41—after the storm is calmed, they are MORE afraid; why?
- How much time have we wasted being afraid of the wrong things?
 - If Jesus is in your boat, God isn't going to let you sink!
 - All of this leads us to the “Why?” question; Why do I have to go through this storm?
 - It was Jesus' idea to go to the other side of the lake!
 - Jesus invites us on a journey that includes storms!

- The worst thing in God's economy isn't that we go through storms
 - It's that we wouldn't experience his faithfulness and we wouldn't get to exercise faith
 - It's in storms that I find that Jesus can calm storms and that he can calm my soul in storms
 - Storms reveal what I'm holding on to instead of Jesus

- Maybe Jesus says, “You have no faith” because he also said, “Let’s go to the other side”
 - In the middle of the storm, they forgot his word!
 - When we forget the word of the Lord, we will be afraid
- 3 elements of faith are all here—evidence, attraction, commitment
 - Faith—transferring God’s previous trustworthiness onto today’s fearful circumstance

- Who am I?
 - I live life a lot like a scared child
 - I assume every storm is going to destroy me
 - I often don't have enough faith to through the storm with Jesus
 - I want to learn how to be ok with Jesus in the middle of the storm or if he calms it
 - I want answers to my questions but I don't want to deal honestly with Jesus' questions
 - I treat too casually

- Who is Jesus?
 - He's just as much in charge of the storm as he is the calm
 - He speaks and all creation obeys—why don't I?
 - He's still asking, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?"
 - He would rather my soul be at peace than my circumstances be perfect
 - Jesus can speak and radically alter my circumstances
 - Jesus wants me to know him
 - Jesus invites me to walk through valleys and storms of his choosing—to get to the other side!