

LIFE GROUP LESSON

Who is this Man? • Week of March 29

“Who Is This Man?” – the title of our message series. It is the same question the disciples ask among themselves as they witness first-hand Jesus’ power over the wind and waves. Fear can sweep over us as violently as waves on the sea. But like the disciples, when it looks like all hope is lost, we must remember that Jesus is in the boat with us. We live in uncertain times and many things we have taken for granted have been swept away. But remember: although keeping a ‘safe-social-distance’ has been mandated world-wide, Jesus is not distant. Our Lord is as close as your earnest cry for help.

Read Luke 8:22-25

1. The fierce storm was causing the boat to fill with water and experienced fishermen to fear the worst. These men knew this sea and they knew their own limitations, as well as that of their fishing vessel. Where is Jesus, according to v23a (see also Mark 4:38)?

Jesus was fully divine, and fully human. He experienced weariness at times. As He and disciples crossed to the other side of the sea, Jesus ‘settled down for a nap.’ Jesus wakes up to rebuke the storm *and* the disciples: ‘Where is your faith?’

2. Perhaps you have experienced some level of fear in the last two weeks. Jesus asks us what He asked His disciples: *Where Is Your Faith?* What fears have swept over you in recent days? How are you responding? In whom (or what) do you ultimately trust?

According to Luke, chapter eight, Jesus is Lord over the storm (Luke 8:22-25); Lord over demons (Luke 8:26-39); Lord over disease (Luke 8:40-48); Lord over death (Luke 8:49-56); and Lord of the Church (Luke 9:1-6). The Plain Truth states –

Jesus is Lord—you cannot tame Him, so bow and worship Him!

Who is this Man? – Scripture reveals Jesus as Lion of Judah and Lamb of God (Revelation 5:4-8). Although Jesus is fierce over sin and evil, He willingly surrenders His life on the cross (John 10:18). Hundreds of years before Jesus was born, the prophet Isaiah speaks of a suffering servant: “He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet He never said a word. He was led like a Lamb to the slaughter. And as a sheep is silent before the shearers, He did not open His mouth” (Isaiah 53:7). Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29).

Jesus is still as powerful and strong as ever. He is Lord over all sickness and every virus. The Lord wants us to come before Him boldly in prayer (Hebrews 4:16). If we fail to pray, we run the risk of falling prey to the enemy. Refuse to fall prey to worries, fear, greed, insecurities, impulses, bitterness, and depression.

3. Call out to the Lord now. Pour out your heart. Sincerely tell Him what you need and trust Him to answer each prayer according to His will (and in His time). The psalmist reminds us, “Commit everything you do to the LORD. Trust Him, and He will help you” (Psalm 37:5). What do you need to fully commit (entrust) to the Lord today?

Live generously. Proverbs says, “The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed” (Proverbs 11:25). Who needs to be refreshed *today* by your generosity? Ask the Lord to help you become a generous person. Determine today to be generous (and gracious) in every area of your life – in your finances, prayers, time, kindness toward others. Who can you encourage today with a smile and helping hand?

God is calling us to greater prayer and greater generosity. The Lord said: “Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land” (2 Chronicles 7:14). From the time Moses said God would raise up a Prophet to whom all Israel must listen (Deuteronomy 18:15) to Gabriel’s announcement to Mary (Luke 1:30-33), Jesus Christ rules from the throne of His ancestor David. His Kingdom will never end—He *is* “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9: 6).

3. Christ can command peace over the storms in your life. Will you trust Him? Call out to Him by closing in a time of prayer now – pray for your church, your family and friends, relatives and co-workers. Pray for those who are currently unemployed. Pray for the sick. Pray for people to turn from sin and turn to the Lord. Ask the Lord to teach us (Matthew 11:28-30) how to humble ourselves (1 Peter 5:6-7), and how to pray for our nation and our world (1 Timothy 2:1-4). Go to God now.

***“Who Is This Man?” they asked each other. “When He gives a command, even the wind and waves obey Him!”
(Luke 8:25b)***

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Text: Luke 8:22-25, Isaiah 9:6-8

1. Lord of the _____ - you cannot tame Him.
2. Lord over _____ - you cannot tame Him.
3. Jesus is Lord over _____ - you cannot tame Him.
4. Jesus is Lord over _____ - you cannot tame Him.
5. Jesus is Lord of the _____ - you cannot tame Him.

Here are two primary ways to Live as Jesus' followers who can't be tamed...

- A) Pray _____ or fall _____ to the _____.
B) Live _____ or wallow in _____.

PLAIN TRUTH:

Jesus is _____, you cannot _____
Him so _____ and _____ Him.

One Year Bible Reading

Mar. 29: Deuteronomy 11:1-12:32, Luke 8:22-39, Psalm 70:1-5, Proverbs 12:4
Mar. 30: Deuteronomy 13:1-15:23, Luke 8:40-9:6, Psalm 71:1-24, Proverbs 12:5-7
Mar. 31: Deuteronomy 16:1-17:20, Luke 9:7-27, Psalm 72:1-20, Proverbs 12:8-9
Apr. 1: Deuteronomy 18:1-20:20, Luke 9:28-50, Psalm 73:1-28, Proverbs 12:10
Apr. 2: Deuteronomy 21:1-22:30, Luke 9:51-10:12, Psalm 74:1-23, Proverbs 12:11
Apr. 3: Deuteronomy 23:1-25:19, Luke 10:13-37, Psalm 75:1-10, Prov. 12:12-14
Apr. 4: Deuteronomy 26:1-27:26, Luke 10:38-11:13, Psalm 76:1-12, Prov. 12:15-17

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