



Gospel of MARK > Jesus man of ACTION & AUTHORITY

Action – Bold Mission of Preaching KINGDOM of God

Auth. over Religious Leaders, Sickness, Darkness, Death

Over NATURAL World – MULTIPLY Bread & Fish // WALK on WATER

Perhaps you are HERE TONIGHT and do not KNOW Jesus as Lord & Savior

You are in RIGHT Place & doing Right Thing – CONSIDER His GOSPEL

### 1. God-sized Storm

Sea of Galilee – about 160 square kilometers in ISRAEL

Lake 200 meters below level of Sea Level > Lowest Freshwater Lake on Earth

Wind RUSHES DOWN over STEEP CLIFFS

Great Storms COME UP SUDDENLY > Wind HURLING Great WAVES

Perhaps YOU are IN UNEXPECTED Storm – Serious Trouble – In your Life?

#### a. Disciples – Sent into It

v. 48 And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night

They FELT ABANDONED by Jesus > 6 or 7 Hours in Storm

v. 45 he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side



From Capernaum on NW Shore of Lake >

AIMED toward Eastern Shore

After Storm the ENDED up DUE SOUTH

v. 53 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore.

NOT MISTAKE or ACCIDENT > PLAN of Jesus – He SENT Them  
From place of PRAYER on HILLSIDE – He could likely SEE STORM  
But they were there by HIS COMMAND and Needed to TRUST Him

## b. Jesus – Rules over It

vs. 48,49 he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them...they saw him walking on the sea

DISPLAY of DIVINE MAJESTY > Not just WORD over the STORM  
ENTIRE BEING Rules as SOVEREIGN of the SEAS

PASS THEM – Mark got from PETER – At Least that’s how it SEEMED....

PICTURE of GLORIOUS TRANSCENDENCE

During OTHER Storms Jesus was IN Boat – Here is Revealed as King  
He RIDES upon the STORM – God walks on SEAS you STORM through...

who alone stretched out the heavens and trampled the waves of the sea Job 9.8

Like Moses HE LEADS His PEOPLE thru THE SEA

He divided the sea and led them through; he made the water stand firm like a wall.  
Psalm 78.13

v. 51 And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded

## c. Faith gives Understanding

They SHOULD have UNDERSTOOD – Jesus is their GOD and KING

Like when Brilliant METEOR shoots across NIGHT Sky – Our Creator Rules!

vs. 49,50 but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”

v. 52 for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

MIRACLE of Loaves > PREPARATION for BATTLE with STORM

But Disciples MISSED BOTH Lessons

FAILED to Learn WHO Jesus REALLY WAS

Should have BEEN TRUSTING but they were TERRIFIED

They thought the LORD OF GLORY was a GHOST

If you MISS this Basic Lesson – WHO is Jesus, and WHAT has He come to Do?

Then, NOTHING Else makes Sense in your LIFE or FUTURE

You need to GO BACK and get RIGHT with HIM FIRST and Foremost

Christ is in heaven interceding for us, but we are in the midst of the storms of life, trying to reach the shore. One day, He will come for us and we shall reach the port safely, the storms all past.

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## 2. God-ruled Scene

v. 54 And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him

No HOLIDAY from FATHER'S MISSION > 24/7 SERVANTHOOD

PASTOR for 6 Years of Church on Island > farthest from ANY CONTINENT

Sometimes DAY OFF drove round island 2 hrs. – TO GET AWAY from it ALL!

Snoozing on the Beach > Hear voice “Hey there Pastor! So you're here too!”

When Jesus saw a large crowd > He had *compassion on them...*

### a. Final Goal of God's Redemption

v. 56 And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

NO Sickness can Stand before Him who Rules the SEAS

One who Multiplies BREAD can give LIFE to our MORTAL Bodies

Not ONLY is Jesus Christ our SAVIOR – He also our SOVEREIGN

Brief SEASON of Grace and Mercy – Microcosm of God’s FINAL Kingdom

In the future he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea...The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. Isaiah 9.1-2

## b. We will Mess it Up

v. 45 Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd.

JUST FED > 5000 Men + Women & Children = 20,000?

MOST of the Population of that Region – Found their FREE LUNCH

Materialists > wanted a GENIE Not a GOD

Jesus should be their KING! – FOOD would be FREE FOREVER!

ROME Pacified Crowds w/ ‘BREAD & CIRCUSES’ 93 Days of GAMES Year  
CHEAPER to ENTERTAIN Crowds than to FIGHT Them or JAIL Them

They could OVERTHROW the Romans – Get a THRONE for New KING Jesus  
He Is KING > Bring MORE than just BREAD – Bread of ETERNAL LIFE  
Soon FIGHT over Which ONE would Sit on Right & Left of Earthly Throne  
DISMISSED Disciples – Clear PATTERN of Misunderstanding in Mark

## c. Communion with Father

Jesus had remained on East Shore for SEASON of PRAYER

v. 46 And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray.

Prayer of Jesus > Son of God

Prayer is MORE than just GETTING SOMETHING from God

Jesus GOT all He NEEDED – fed Thousands – LACKED for NOTHING

PRAYER was Constant RELATIONSHIP with Loving Father

Son in ANOTHER Country > Checks IN on Skype, WeChat, Email

Not NEED Anything – STRANGELY...he actually LIKES US...or his Mama!

True FAITH in Jesus = Ask NOT what He CAN do FOR YOU > SERVE Him

Whether in DARK NIGHT or BRIGHTNESS of DAY > Jesus SAVES

He FOREVER Cares for NEEDS of ALL People

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