

# “Storm Theology”

## Luke 8:22-25

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### I. Introduction

- A. We come to our study of Luke’s gospel to one of the most beloved stories in the life of Christ.
  - 1. It’s recorded for us in all three of the synoptic gospels (Matthew 8, Mark 4, Luke 8)
  - 2. In Luke, we move from the words of Jesus speaking in parables to the works of Jesus, revealing His power
    - a) It’s one thing to speak wise words, but it’s another to back them up with wonderful works
- B. Today in our text, we see Jesus’ power over the wind and waves (nature)
  - 1. In the remaining verse of Luke 8, we will see Christ’s power over demons, disease, and death
- C. I have entitled this message “Storm Theology” because in this story, we have revealed Christ’s person and power
  - 1. I want to divide the text into three parts:
    - a) Before the storm
    - b) During the storm
    - c) After the storm

### II. Before the Storm (Luke 8:22-23a)

- A. “Now it came to pass on a certain day” (v. 22)
  - 1. “On the same day, when evening had come...” (Mark 4:35)
  - 2. “...that He (Jesus) went into a ship (a large boat)” (v. 22)
  - 3. “...with His disciples...” (v. 22)
  - 4. Jesus said, “Let us go over unto the other side of the lake. And they launched forth” (v. 22)
  - 5. “But as they sailed, Jesus fell asleep” (v. 23)
    - a) “He was in the back of the boat asleep “(Mark 4:38)
- B. We see Christ’s true humanity
  - 1. The incarnation and virgin birth
  - 2. The kenosis of Christ (Philippians 2)
  - 3. “Jesus wept” (John 11:35)
  - 4. Jesus was tired (John 4:6)
  - 5. Jesus was hungry (Matthew 4:2)
  - 6. Jesus was thirsty (John 19:28)
  - 7. Jesus was a true man (John 1:14)
  - 8. Why?
    - a) To become our “compassionate high priest”
    - b) “For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities but...” (Hebrews 4:15)
  - 9. What a beautiful picture!

- a) Life is like sailing with Jesus. We go where He leads.
- b) Life is not always smooth sailing. Storms will come into every life.

### III. During the Storm (Luke 8:23b-24)

- A. "...and there came down a storm of wind on the lake" (v. 23)
  - 1. "There arose a great tempest in the sea" (Matthew 8:24)
  - 2. The Sea of Galilee and its storms
- B. "They were filled with water, and were in jeopardy" (v. 23)
  - 1. Us too!
- C. Did Jesus know the storm would come?
  - 1. Yes. He planned it! It was part of the day's curriculum.
  - 2. Why?
    - a) To test and strengthen their faith
    - b) The storm was not a corrective storm
    - c) It was a constructive storm or an instructive storm
  - 3. The disciples were obediently following Jesus's command (v. 22)
    - a) There are storms even in the will of God
    - b) Illustration- Jonah's storm
    - c) God allows storms in our lives to bring us into a deeper relationship with Him
      - 1) Illustration- Paul's thorn in the flesh (2 Corinthians 12)
      - d) "I asked the Lord that I might grow in faith and love and every grace; Might more of His salvation know and seek more earnestly His face. 'Twas He who taught me thus to pray, and he is trust has answered prayer; But it has been in such a way as almost drove me to despair."
- D. How the disciples responded (v. 24)
  - 1. They came to Jesus and woke Him up (v. 24)
    - a) Run to Jesus in the storms of life!
  - 2. They were filled with fear
    - a) "They awoke him saying 'Master, master we perish'" (v. 24)
    - b) "Don't you care that we are perishing?" (Mark)
    - c) "Why are you fearful?" (Matthew)
  - 3. Why were they fearful? For the same reasons, we are fearful.
    - a) They forgot His promises
      - 1) "Let us go over..." (v. 22)
    - b) They forgot His presence
      - 1) Jesus was with them in the boat
      - 2) (Psalm 23)
    - c) They forgot His power (v. 24b)
      - 1) His divine power
      - 2) Jesus is God. His divinity.

### IV. After the Storm (Luke 8:25)

- A. Jesus asked them a question
  - 1. "Where is your faith?" (v. 25)
  - 2. "Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?" (Mark 4:40)

3. At first, his question and rebuke seemed harsh
  - a) After all, they were going down, and Jesus was asleep
  - b) Yet on the other hand, they had seen His miraculous power
    1. Illustration- The Centurion's servant
    2. Illustration- The widow's son raised
    3. We also forget!
- B. The disciples ask a question (v. 25)
  1. "What manner of man is this?" (v. 25)
    - a) "Who is this man?"
    - b) Who is Jesus?
      1. (John 1:1, 14, 18)
      2. The Creator, The Sustainer, The Redeemer

## V. Conclusion

- A. When you are going through a storm:
  1. Run to Jesus and cry out to Him in prayer
    - a) "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1).
  2. Trust in Jesus
    - a) "Where is your faith?"
    - b) "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10).
    - c) You will see His power
    - d) You will experience His peace
    - e) You will come to know His person