

## The Storm Calmer

<sup>35</sup> On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side."

<sup>36</sup> And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup> And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. <sup>38</sup> But he 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?"

<sup>39</sup> And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. <sup>40</sup> He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?"

<sup>41</sup> And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

- Mark 4:35-41 (ESV)

### Rightly approaching Scripture:

According to Gerald Bray, Research Professor at Beeson Divinity School, these are the questions we should ask when interpreting any Bible passage:

- 1) What does it tell us about God? What does it say about who He is and about what He does?
- 2) What does this text say about us human beings? What are we meant to be and what has gone wrong?
- 3) What has God done about this and what does He expect of us in the light of what He has done?

### Three Big Lessons

Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_!

*"Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"*

He \_\_\_\_\_ what only \_\_\_\_\_ can do!

Psalm 107:28-31

Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_!

*"Teacher, do you not care ...?"*

What is God doing?

I don't and can't know it all, but I can \_\_\_\_\_ that it is always \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Peter 4:12-13

Hebrews 12:5-7, 10

Some possibilities:

Is God \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_?

Is God \_\_\_\_\_ me a \_\_\_\_\_?

Is God \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ to me?

Is God \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_?

Is God \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_?

Is God \_\_\_\_\_ me for the \_\_\_\_\_?

Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_!

*"Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?"*

He is the "greater \_\_\_\_\_".

Matthew 12:41

Jonah 1:12

**Three Reasonable Conclusions:**

I have to determine – for myself – \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus is.

I have to believe his actions in my life are rooted in his \_\_\_\_\_ for me.

I have to put my \_\_\_\_\_ in Him to save me – not just from the “storms of life”, but from \_\_\_\_\_ itself.