

### Sufficient Savior for the Storms of Life – Mark 6:45-51

This morning we seek to focus our attention upon our glorious Lord and Savior. Everywhere else we look we see uncertainty, we see confusion, we see fear and panic. Let be clear this morning, there is no panic or fear when we focus intensely upon Jesus!

The Gospel of Mark describes an event in the life of our Lord and His disciples that was used to display His glory and to increase their faith! It revolves around the Sea of Galilee, a fishing boat and a sudden storm! From this encounter God can strengthen our faith and display His glory in or storm!

#### 2 possibilities concerning the purpose of the storms of life:

- **There can be storms of correction!** Like the one Jonah experienced. Jonah's rebellion and disobedience also cost those around him.
- **There can also be storms of perfection!** Storms designed by God to shape us and teach us to trust Him. Could this present crisis help teach us to trust in Him?

#### 3 certain realities concerning the nature of the storms of life:

- **They are inevitable and impartial!** They are going to come. It rains on the just and the unjust alike!
- **They often come suddenly without warning!** The ringing of the telephone can change your life, immediately you are thrust into a great storm.
- **They can be very severe and life changing!** They are times when you think the boat is about to sink! The disciples had experienced this before Mark 4:35-41

#### 4 sure anchors for the storms of life.

- **The Anchor of God's Providence.** Jesus constrained them to get in the boat! They could not have been more in the will of God!

Either Jesus didn't watch the weather channel and therefore didn't know there would be a storm or he knew and purposefully sent them into the storm.

- **The Anchor of God's Prayers.** Where is Jesus when they are struggling in the storm?
- **The anchor of God's Presence.** He will never leave us alone!
- **The anchor of God's Power.** He spoke with authority and the wind and sea obeyed his voice.

Notice the sea was immediately calm! How long would it have taken the sea to calm down normally after a storm. Every molecule of H<sub>2</sub>O was under His divine authority; so also is every germ, bacteria and virus!

**Application: Are you storm ready? Do you know personally the Master of the storm?**

**What is god teaching you personally during this time of uncertainty? Are you sharing that with others that need it?**