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## Gospel of Mark

- written by John Mark on accounts from Peter

### 3 Big Chunks

- Galilee – encountering Jesus, who is this?
- Jerusalem – disciples struggling to understand
- Journey to Jerusalem – how Jesus will fulfill the role of Messiah King

“Mark is cryptic, big picture with carefully chosen stories and details introducing you to the Gospel.



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## Setting in Chapter:

- Mk. 4:1 – “Again he began to teach beside the sea. And a very large crowd gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat in it on the sea, and the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land.”
  - heavy season of teaching and crowds
  - many following Jesus around to hear and see
  - parables told
- Mark 4:35-41

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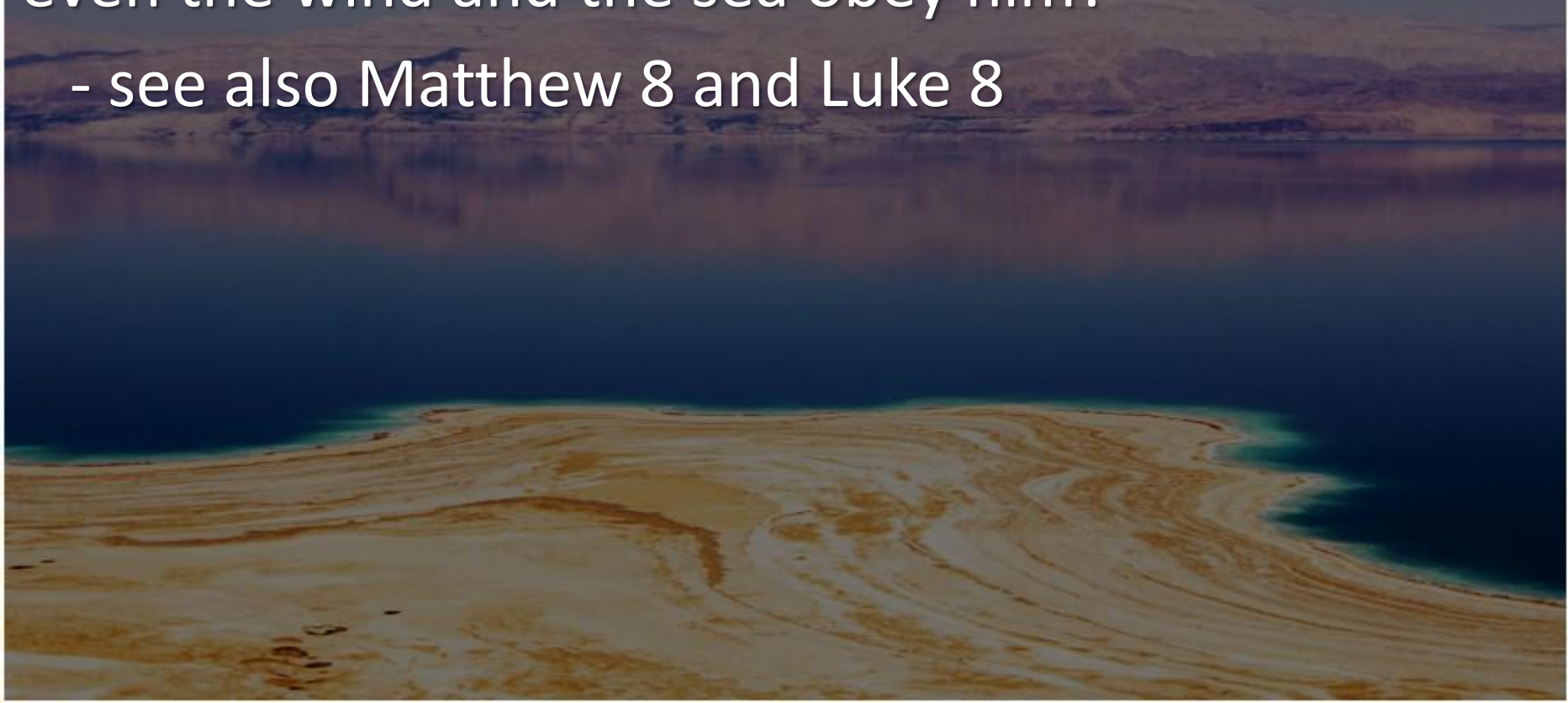
“On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. 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?” 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.



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He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” 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?”

- see also Matthew 8 and Luke 8



## 1. Understated Details

### a) massive storm

- boat taking on water
- experienced fishermen along
- loss of hope before awakening Jesus

### b) Jesus asleep on a cushion

- tired out – shows his humanness
- seems like 'blissfully unaware' of situation
- not angry of condescending when awakened



## 2. Big Question for Jesus

*Don't you care we are perishing?*

- Matthew adds detail – Save us from....
- we are doing what you asked – going across
- got into this situation following you
- in definite peril – this is real
- storm has overwhelmed our resources and abilities, and you are sleeping
- need you in this mess, wake up!

### 3. Response of Jesus

#### a) Display of Authority over Nature

- takes control of the storm
- Peace, be still – instant calm
- shows his authority, nature under control
- not angry for being awakened

1 Peter 5:7 “casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.”

Matthew 11:28 “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”



## b) Conversation with Disciples

- why are you so afraid?
  - challenging their perspective
- have you still no faith?
  - challenging their belief

Heb. 11:1 “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”

Heb. 11:6 “And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

## 4. Reaction to Jesus

### a) Fear

- right fear of the Lord important
- afraid – uncertainty and unknown, paralyzes

### b) Wonder – who is this that.....

- grasping the authority of Jesus over all



## So What?

### 1. Life will bring storms

- overwhelming your abilities and resources
- real danger, loss, facing difficult situations
- some will be due to a yes to Jesus
  - Find yourself asking – ‘Don’t you care that...’

### 2. Reminded of Jesus Authority over All

- invite his intervention in the circumstances
- receiving peace instead of fear, calm instead of panic and fear

### 3. Connection between Fear & Faith

- faith – believing in the promise, ability and action of our living God.

- seeing my circumstances in light of God's authority and care

- peace – shalom, inner wholeness and at rest.

\*John 14:27 “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”



#### 4. Encountering Jesus Authority brings Response

- Mark revealing gospel, you can respond
- response of disciples
  - fear & amazement – who is this?
  - we often – what can this do for me?
  - we need to - how do I respond to this truth, that Jesus has exhibited authority over sickness, sin, nature – really is promised one, God become man.
  - invited to follow, surrender, live by faith