

The Gospel of Matthew #78

Overview of Matthew 8-9: authority & compassion in action

8:1-17	3 healings	8:18-22	cost of following Jesus
8:18- 9:8	3 miracles	9:9-17	Matt called; a New Day
9:18-34	3 healings	9:35-38	summary of authority & compassion

JESUS IS AMAZING!**Matthew 8:23-27**

I. AMAZING! He leads those who _____ Him directly into a life threatening storm! (v23-24a)

8:18-22: would-be disciples need to trust and obey Him

8:23: these do: "His disciples followed Him"

Lake Galilee tempests (v24)

"How can You be all powerful and all loving and let this happen to me?!"
Where are you asking that Q in *your* life?

II. AMAZING! Jesus is _____ thru the storm! (v24b)

This shows:

A. How exhausted He was
Fully human

B. How complete His trust in His Father
No fear

III. AMAZING! He _____ the storm with a rebuke! (v26)

The disciples' terror: v24-25

A. His immediate response is a rebuke for such "little faith"

He knows that **FAITH** is central to living as His disciple

Not just faith for eternal life

But faith for daily living: resist temptations

Honor Him by not being anxious like an orphan

B. His second response is to sovereignly **rebuke** the wind and waves, so there is _____ calm!

See their growing amazement at His authority:

- Together with the crowds at His Sermon (7:28-9)
- Healing the leper (8:3)
- Healing the centurion's servant from a distance (8:13)
- Healing Peter's mother-in-law of a fever instantly (8:15)
- Healing the demon possessed and ALL the sick who came to Him (8:16)
- His radical call to discipleship (8:18-22)
- In the storm: amazed that He could sleep
Amazed that the wind and seas obey Him!

Who IS this? Psalm 89:8-9!

What difference would it make in how you and I live this week if we saw Jesus the way they did?

Lord, open our eyes!

The world does not notice Christians when things are going well, unless they sacrifice.

But when all around is falling apart, and Christians are at peace because of their faith in a powerful Savior, they notice.

And the Gospel gains new credibility.

Do you see our nation's financial storm as an opportunity to display your faith in a panicked world?

What is one way such a view of Jesus would change you this week?