



Mt. 8:23 *And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. 24 And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. 25 And they went and woke him, saying, "Save us, Lord; we are perishing." 26 And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. 27 And the men marveled, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?"*
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1. Remember _____ (v.27)

2. See _____ (vv.24-26)

3. Courageously _____ (v.23)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Psalm 23:4**. Why do you think it is such a challenge for Christians to be fearless in the face of adversity, even when they know better?
2. Read **Deuteronomy 28:65-66**. Skim the context of this terrible text and consider the reason this was prophesied to be in Israel's future. In what ways do we rationalize certain anxieties as appropriate and reasonable even when the cause might have to do with our relationship with God?
3. Read **Psalm 91:1-6**. How would you evaluate your confident trust in God during these turbulent and frustrating times? What can you do to seek to be more assured of God's good plans in the midst of your life?
4. Read **Colossians 1:15-20**. Here Christ is said to be the "firstborn" (Gk., *prototokos*), or the preeminent one, who is the rightful Heir of all things. How can a higher view of Jesus' power and preeminence help Christians battle fear?
5. Read **Matthew 6:25-34**. What can you do this week to keep your focus centered more profoundly and more frequently on following Christ's kingdom priorities?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

December 20th
Mic. 4-5 & Rev. 11
December 21st
Mic. 6-7 & Rev. 12
December 22nd
Nah. 1-3 & Rev. 13
December 23rd
Hab. 1-3 & Rev. 14
December 24th
Zeph. 1-3 & Rev. 15
December 25th
Hag. 1-2 & Rev. 16
December 26th
Zech. 1-3 & Rev. 17
December 27th
Zech. 4-6 & Rev. 18

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 14-41 – **The Word Became Flesh**
Msg. 16-38 – **A Baby Like No Other: The Meaning of the Virgin Birth**
Msg. 12-17 – **Following the Good Shepherd**
Msg. 13-06 – **The Ancestry of Christ: Jesus, Son of David**
Msg. 05-24 – **The Ultimate Son**
Msg. 10-54 – **The Deity of Christ**
Msg. 18-08 – **King Jesus: Admiring God's Dynastic Plans**

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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