

**Introduction...Relevance and Connectedness...**

1. The purpose of Christ's miracles is to teach us important Gospel truths...
2. Christ came to save us from our sins and deliver us from the awful consequences of the fall
3. The miracle of calming the storm demonstrates Christ deliverance of His people from the dangers and fears of this life... *Hebrews 2:15*

**I. The Timing and Circumstances of the Miracle...** *Matthew 8:23 cf. Mark 4:35*

**A. The Popularity of Jesus had been growing...** *Matthew 4:25; 8:1*

**B. The Days were full of Activity...**

**C. They were days of wonder and confusion...** *Matthew 8:27*

**D. It was at night...**

**E. A Storm arose upon the sea...**

1. It was all of a sudden... Note Matthew says... "Behold..."
2. It was a great (violent, frightening) storm...

- Observations:
1. Christ can lead us into stormy seas...
  2. The Lord tries our faith for a good purpose... see *II Corinthians 1:8-10*
  3. We should not grieve the trial, rather our half-heartedness in the trial...
  4. It is a great blessing to be with Christ in the storm... *I Peter 4:14*

**II. A Clear Presentation of The Christ who worked the Miracle...***Matthew 8:24 cf. Mark 4:36-37*

**A. We see His real Humanity...**

**B. He Never ceased to be God...**

**C. Yet He slept in the storm...**

**Observation:** His real humanity was never a hindrance to His care for His church nor was it a contradiction to His Divine nature.

Consider *Psalm 121:4*

**III. The Little Faith of His Disciples and the Miracle...***Matthew 8:25-26*

**A. They had a Defective (limited) View of Christ...** *See Mark 4:30*

**B. Here is A Word of Encouragement...**

1. *Be thankful for faith...even little faith is saving faith...*
2. *Pray for faiths increase...*
3. *Nurture faiths growth...*

**Application:** *Matthew 8:26-27* All true peace in the midst of storms is found in knowing and valuing Christ...