

“YOU OF LITTLE FAITH, WHY ARE YOU SO AFRAID?”

Matthew 8:18-34

Key verse 26

He replied, “You of little faith, why are you so afraid?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.

1. What orders did Jesus give, and why might he have done so (18)? What did one teacher of the law propose and how did Jesus reply (19-20)? What did another disciple say, and how did Jesus reply (21-22)? What do we learn about the cost of following Jesus?
2. Who followed when Jesus got into the boat (23)? What happened as they crossed the lake (24)? What was Jesus doing, and what does this show about him? How did the disciples respond to the storm, and what does this show about them (25)?
3. Read verse 26. For what did Jesus rebuke his disciples? How did Jesus calm the furious storm? What did the amazed disciples learn (27)? What do we learn about how Jesus helps his disciples to have faith in him?
4. Where did Jesus land and how was he welcomed (28-29)? How had demons affected these men personally, socially, and in their view of Jesus? What did the demons beg Jesus to do (30-31)?
5. What did Jesus command them, and what was the result (32)? How did the pig tenders and the townspeople respond (33-34)? What does this passage show about Jesus: how he uses his authority, what he values, and the importance of faith in him?