

The Gospel of Matthew

“What Kind of Man is This?”

Matthew 8:23–9:8

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And when He got into the boat, His disciples followed Him.

And behold, there arose a great storm in the sea, so that the boat was covered with waves; but He Himself was asleep.

And they came to Him, and awoke Him, saying, “Save us, Lord; we are perishing!”

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And He said to them, “Why are you timid, you men of little faith?” Then He arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea, and it became perfectly calm.

And the men marveled, saying, “What kind of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?”

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1. Calming of the Storm

➤ *Jesus’ authority over nature*

- as Messiah, Jesus has authority over nature in a direct, unique way
- it revealed His unique nature as “Immanuel” – *the Son of God*
- we are meant to marvel at Jesus

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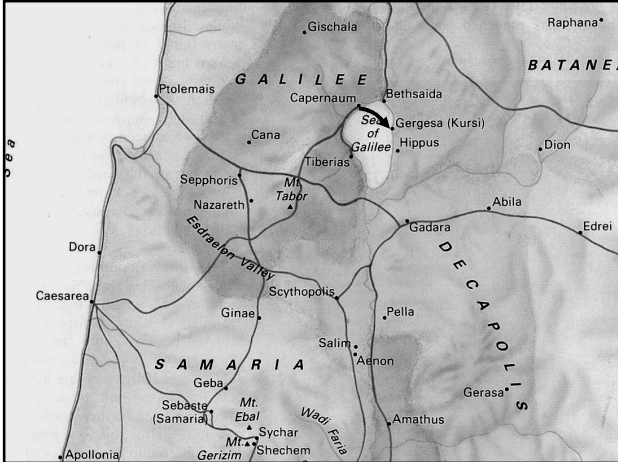
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➤ *discipleship implications*

- faith in the person of Jesus casts out fear in the face of danger
- no ultimate harm can befall the one who belongs to Him who rules the sea

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2. Casting out Demons



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- *Jesus' authority over spiritual powers*
 - Jesus' casting out of demons signified the dawning of the kingdom, yet not its final consummation
 - Jesus' casting out of demons is a foretaste of His function as the final judge

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- *discipleship implications*
 - knowing Jesus is of greater significance than any economic loss
 - Jesus is rejected by those who feel exposed by Him

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3. Healing the Paralytic

- *Jesus' authority over sin*
 - Jesus addressed the deepest and greatest need of the man – his sin
 - Jesus took upon Himself the prerogative of God alone – the authority to forgive sins
 - Jesus' demonstrable authority to heal was evidence of His authority to forgive sin

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- *discipleship implications*
 - failure to recognize Jesus' unique person and authority as the Son of God is evil
 - faith that glorifies God sees and marvels at Jesus as God's unique Son who shares in God's authority