

Pleasant Valley Weekly

I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your loving kindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name. (Psalm 138 : 2)

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Lesson from the Boat (The teachings of Christ)

This morning I'd like us to continue our yearly series on the teachings of Jesus. We started this series by examining what the four fisherman heard and saw that caused them to leave everything behind and follow Jesus. This morning we study another instance where what they felt, and ultimately what Jesus did, made them question just who was this Man and their own faith.

It is amusing to me to hear about all of the cruise ships that have had the unfortunate luck of becoming stranded at sea. It seems that at least once every month over the past year there would be someone stranded somewhere. The question for us this morning is not what happened, but what would you do?

Put yourself two thousand years ago in a small wooden boat traveling from one side of the sea of Galilee to the other. All of a sudden, out of no where, a storm hits. You begin to take on water, the waves crash into the boat rocking it to the point that you are fearful for your life. What would you do?

This is where we pick up or teaching this morning. What did Jesus' disciples, including four fisherman, do? But more importantly, what did Jesus teach them? And finally, what did He teach us?

Lessons from the Boat

- * The wind and the waves—
Matthew 8 : 23—27; Mark 4 : 35—41; Luke 8 : 22—25
Let us cross over—in a boat.
- * And suddenly...a storm of wind (KJV)
A violent attack of wind from the four quarters of the earth.
- * What is the result of the storm?
The boat is covered with waves and filling with water.
They are afraid.
- * The cry of those who lack faith:
Teacher, do You not care...?"
What would make you say this?
- * The voice of a loving Savior:
“Peace be still!” The result? - “...there was a great calm.”
- * The teaching:
“...How is it that you have no faith?”
- * The revealing:
“Who can this be...the wind...the sea obey Him!”
- * The lesson:
Who can this be? - The One who commands the sea
(Job 38:8-11)
Why fear Him? Why in awe? - There is nothing that God cannot do to help us. (Isaiah 59 : 1)