

**Are You Still Wondering and Wandering?
Aren't You Tired?
9/24/2017 Sunday AM**

Scripture: Mark 4:35-41, Colossians 1:15-23

Introduction

- Last week we discussed Salvation: An Expensive Free Gift.
- We looked at salvation in terms of being a free gift from God that we cannot earn nor pay for, but that it does come with a cost.
- It is expensive in that it required the ultimate sacrifice from Jesus, but it requires something from us too.
- Salvation and discipleship require that we surrender our lives to Jesus Christ, that means everything.
- We cannot love anything or anyone more than we love God and we must be willing to give up everything.
- We cannot straddle the fence and play both sides, Christ wants our complete heart.
- We ought to be willing to surrender, because He bought us with His very blood on the cross.
- This morning we will ask the question Are You Still Wondering and Wandering?: Aren't You Tired?

Mark 4:35-41

³⁵That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." ³⁶Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. ³⁷A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. ³⁸Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" ³⁹He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. ⁴⁰He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" ⁴¹They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

- Jesus had gone down to the Sea of Galilee to teach, however the crowds of people were very large.
- Jesus got into the boat and began teaching them as they stood on the shore.
- He had to spend quite a while teaching them and He drew to a close when evening came.
- V. 35 – He tells the disciples that were with Him, "Let us go over to the other side."
- V. 36 - So, they set sail to the other side of the Sea of Galilee and left the people that He had been teaching.
- V. 37 – The Sea of Galilee is prone to quick storms arising because of the geography of the area and this was sure the case in this instance.
- A storm came up quickly and the boats they were in began to take on water.
- V. 38 – Jesus had a long day of ministering to people and teaching and He was rightfully tired and sleepy.
- This shows Jesus' humanity in that He became tired and He slept.
- However, He must have been a deep sleeper in order to have continued to sleep through storm on a boat.
- The disciples were afraid and they went to wake Jesus up and they asked Him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"
- They were WONDERING, weren't they?
- V. 39 – "He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm."
- COMPLETELY calm.
- V. 40 – He then turns to the disciples and asked them, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"
- This is a question that we need to pose to ourselves from time to time,
- V. 41 – The disciples were afraid and they were still WONDERING because they asked, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"
- Matthew 8:27 records the question this way, ""What kind of man is this?..."
- This was early in Jesus' ministry and the disciples had yet to see all what Jesus was capable of.

- The question they ask however, is a good one and the realization that came to is as well.
 - “Who is this?” or “What kind of man is this?” that “Even the wind and the waves obey him!”
 - The disciples were WONDERING, and rightfully so because they had not been with Jesus for a long time.
 - They had experienced some miracles and heard the authority that came from His teaching, but to have command over nature really shocked them.
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- I want to bring this home to you and me though in 2017.
 - Do you find yourself still asking “Who is this?” or “What kind of man is this?”
 - Are you still WONDERING who Jesus Christ is, or do you know Him this morning?
 - We are not like the disciples, we have had millennia to get to know Jesus through the Word.
 - We have the “auto biography” and all the resources necessary to know exactly who Jesus is.
 - We should not, as the disciples were, be shocked by Jesus’ power and sovereignty over this world.
 - We should not have a “faith problem” because we have so many examples of God’s power and provision.
 - For you and I, it’s shouldn’t be a time of WONDERING, it should be a time of TRUSTING.
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- Despite all of the information that has been revealed to us today, we still have people WONDERING and WANDERING.
 - We still have “disciples” that are really still asking “Who is this man?” and we still have “disciples” WANDERING all over the place and being tossed back and forth by the doctrines of this world.
 - All of this mental and physical waywardness must be exhausting.
 - This is why I ask, **Aren’t You Tired?**
 - Aren’t you tired of not knowing who He is, and aren’t you tired of not knowing which way is the right way?
 - Despite what the world tells us, there is something called Absolute Truth.
 - Jesus is...“the Christ, the Son of the living God.” **Matthew 16:16**
 - **Colossians 1:15-23** says, “¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. ¹⁷He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. ²¹Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. ²²But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation-- ²³if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.
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- **Once you stop WONDERING who He is and you begin your personal relationship with Him, you can stop WANDERING aimlessly in this world because He will direct your steps.**
 - **Do you know Him this morning?**

Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study

The Agents of the Apocalypse

“The Dragon”

Revelation 12:1-17