

Questions for Reflection & Discussion – “Unexpected Power”



Read Mark 4:35-41. After Jesus miraculously calmed a hurricane and saved His disciples, this is the question they asked each other – **“Who is this?”** How does the story answer this question?

1. Jesus is more than a great Rabbi. He is _____.
2. Jesus is _____ in the hurricane.
3. Jesus is the _____ and better Jonah.

What details does Mark provide as evidence this is an eyewitness account and not a legend or myth? Who most likely gave this eyewitness testimony to Mark?

Read **Psalm 107:23-32** and **Jonah chapter 1**. In what ways do you see comparisons with this story?

In the middle of the hurricane, the disciples questioned Jesus. What did they ask him? Can you relate to their fear and confusion?

After Jesus calmed the storm, He questioned the disciples. What did He ask them? This won't be the last time in Mark's Gospel that Jesus points out their lack of faith [read also **Mark 7:18; 8:17,21,33**].

How might this story have been a source of encouragement and strength to Mark's original Roman readers?

In what ways have you learned to turn from questioning God to trusting Him and resting in His sovereign care?

Where do you sense God leading you to let go of fear and anxiety and trust Him more deeply?