

## Taking Jesus As He Is

(Mark 4:33-41)

- Introduction:
1. This passage records another amazing miracle performed by the Lord.
  2. However, rather than focusing upon the miracle, the intent of this lesson is to consider a particular phrase, "they took him as he was."
  3. Are we willing to take Jesus "just as he is?"

### I. Many Are Unwilling to Take Jesus Just As He Is

- A. Many attempt to fashion Jesus/God to their liking.
- B. How many times have we heard people say, "That's not what my Jesus would do?"
- C. God said, "Let us make man in our image and after our likeness" (Gen. 1:26), but since then, it has been man who has said, "Let us make God in our image and after our likeness."
- D. (Romans 1:25).
- E. (Isaiah 53:1-12; John 1:11; 1 Corinthians 1:22-24).

### II. What Taking Jesus Just As He Is Means...

- A. We must hold truth without compromise
  1. (Mark 10:21-22).
  2. Love and truth aren't mutually exclusive.
  3. (Mark 8:38).
- B. We must embrace his cross and our cross.
  1. (Gal. 5:11).
  2. (Luke 14:27).
- C. We must accept his willingness to forgive.
  1. (Mark 16:7).
  2. (Matthew 18:22).
- D. We must accept the church as Jesus established it.
  1. (Acts 20:28) Organization.
  2. (Acts 2:38, 41, 47) Terms of entrance.

- Conclusion:
1. If we expect Jesus to still the storms in our lives, we need to take him just as he is.
  2. (John 12:48).
  3. Will you accept Jesus just as he is?
  4. Will you allow him to change you, rather than attempting to change him?