

THIRTY THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT JESUS
#16 JESUS CALMS THE SEA | LUKE 8:22-25 | DR. RANDY WHITE
ALSO RECORDED IN MATTHEW 18:18-27 AND MARK 4:35-41

THE CALMING OF THE SEA IS A VISIBLE DECLARATION OF THE DEITY OF JESUS | V. 25

- Literally, "what is this, that He gives orders and waters and winds obey him?"
- It is both a question and an exclamation (Greek not using punctuation leaves it to context).
- Consider the trial of Job to determine the answer to the issue at hand (Job 38-40, especially 38:22-30).
- The works that He is doing are the works of God: Psalm 106:9 and Nahum 4:4-8.
- The calming of wind and wave is a perfect testimony of the deity of Jesus.

THE QUESTION ABOUT THE LOCATION OF OUR FAITH IS APPROPRIATE FOR ANY DISPENSATION | V. 25

- In Acts 3:16 the Apostles (Peter and James) had their faith "in His name." They had learned that if the winds and waters obey Him, His name is the place to have your faith.
- The Christian is instructed that his faith should not be in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God (1 Cor. 2:5)
- It is *by grace through faith* that we are saved (Ephesians 2:8-9). Our faith is in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).

A SURE FAITH IN JESUS ONLY COMES WHEN WE WILL TAKE THE WORD OF GOD PRECISELY, ACCURATELY, AND FULLY | V. 22

- The word is *dierchomai*. Any Greek word with the prefix *dia* (*di* if followed by a vowel) means that the following word is done completely or thoroughly.
- English words with *dia* or *di* also convey this idea: *dialogue* is to "thoroughly discuss," *deacon* is to "thoroughly serve" and *diaper* is "thoroughly *asperos* (white)."
- This particular word (as well as the context) is explicit in intent: always to arrive at the destination.
 - The shepherds used it in saying, "Let us **go straight** to Bethlehem."
 - Great examples of the word are found in Luke 4:30, 11:24, 17:11, 19:1 and 19:4.

- The word always contains the meaning of arrival at the destination.
- Compare Luke 6:1 for a different word that simply implies the movement, not the destination.
- Also note John 11:7 & 15, in which the same "let us go" translation is used, but with a different underlying Greek word. The use of this word caused great doubt as to whether they would actually arrive, as is seen in the context.
- With this word in Luke 8:22, the disciples should have taken confidence that the Lord always achieves His intent!

WHEN YOU TRUST FULLY IN THE WORD, A PANIC OVER THE WORLD IS NEVER IN ORDER | VV. 23-24

- Jesus "fell asleep" -- A strong word for sleep, from which we get the English word hypnosis.
 - When you know how the story ends, it is easy to sleep through the storm!
 - Note the Apostle Peter in Acts 12:6 (having heard Jesus in John 21:18, saying that he would be "old" when they carried him away).
- We can experience a "peace that passes understanding" by having a firm knowledge of the outcome, which we gain when we "study to show ourselves approved."
 - Translation alert: New Living Translation (NLT) says "Jesus settled down for a nap." This doesn't at all convey the strength of the word, and is simply a measure of making a "feel good" story. The Message says, "It was smooth sailing, and he fell asleep," another attempt at adding a feel-good nature to the story. It goes on to say that after Jesus spoke, "The lake became as smooth as glass."