

# That The World May Know – The Death and Resurrection of the Messiah - Session 1: When Storms Come

## That The World May Know - Set 4

This series consists of 10 sessions covering the last week of Jesus' life, His death and resurrection, and the Holy Spirit's vast on Pentecost. Being a follower of Jesus does not mean staying away from evil. It means confronting it—face to face—just like Jesus did every single day and through His resurrection. Confronting evil can be loudly proclaiming the name of Jesus or quietly caring for someone in need.

1. **When Storms Come:** Jesus' disciples faced storms on the Sea of Galilee. Each of us faces difficulties that we could label "storms" in life.
2. **Piercing the Darkness:** Satan is particularly active in many segments of our culture. What one place seems so evil to you that you would never want to go to it?
3. **Gates of Hell:** Many people through the centuries have boldly attacked the forces of evil for the sake of the Gospel.
4. **City of the Great King – The Temple:** The Tabernacle created in Moses' day was replaced by The Temple in Jerusalem.
5. **City of the Great King – Jerusalem:** This is the city where Jesus worshipped God as well as the city where He was crucified.
6. **The Lamb of God:** Jesus went to Jerusalem to be the sacrifice of God the Father.
7. **The Weight of the World:** Jesus knew He would soon experience great suffering.
8. **Roll Away the Stone:** Jesus' resurrection changed the course of history.
9. **Power to the People:** Pentecost marks the time when many were indwelt with the Holy Spirit.
10. **Total Commitment:** Caesarea was a monument to the disobedient. Jesus calls us to obey God and be under His protection.

## A New Calling for Fisherman

1. Isaiah prophesied where the Messiah would minister. Where did Jesus spend most of his preaching ministry?  
Isaiah 9:1 – 7  
Matthew 4:12 – 17
2. As Jesus recruited his first two disciples, Peter and Andrew, what did he ask them to do? And how did they respond?  
Matthew 4:18 – 20  
Mark 1:16 – 18
3. How did James and John, the sons of Zebedee, respond to Jesus' call? What does their response reveal about the attitude toward Jesus and their commitment to Him?  
Matthew 4:21 – 22
4. In what ways had the brothers' occupation prepared them to understand and fulfill the mission Jesus had in store for them – becoming "fishers of men?"  
Mark 1:16 – 18  
Luke 5:1 – 11
5. How does the commitment shown by Peter, Andrew, James, and John when they heard Jesus' call differ from that of many would-be disciples? Matthew 4:20 – 22

## The Symbols of the Sea

To the Jewish mind in Biblical times, the sea represented evil. So in Scripture the sea was used to symbolize the forces of evil in much the same way that a shepherd, rock, and living water were used to represent God. Take a look at the symbolic significance of the sea in Scripture.

1. Describe how the evil of the "sea" is personified in these verses:  
Psalm 74:10 – 17  
Isaiah 27:1 – 5  
Daniel 7:1 – 7  
Revelation 13:1 – 2
2. What are some of the similarities between the Abyss and the sea?  
Revelation 11:3 – 7  
Revelation 17:8  
Revelation 20:1 – 3
3. What condemnation did Jesus promise to those people who lived in Capernaum, at the edge of the sea, who had heard His message but did not repent?  
Matthew 11:20 – 24
4. Luke 8:27 – 33 records an incident involving Jesus, the forces of evil, and the sea. When Jesus confronted the demon-possessed man, where did the demons beg Jesus not to send them?

Where did the demons want to go instead?

What happened when Jesus gave the demons permission to go there?

## God - The Deliverer and Tamer of the Sea

1. The people of Jesus' day believed that God alone could rescue them from the evil of the sea. How did God show his power over the sea?  
Psalm 24:1 – 2  
Genesis 1:1 – 10
2. How did God use water to punish sinful people?  
Genesis 7:17 – 24  
Exodus 14:23 – 28
3. When did God use water to save His people?  
Exodus 14:5 – 9  
Exodus 14:27 – 30  
Psalm 77:19 – 20  
Isaiah 51:10
4. How did God use water in these verses?  
Psalm 30:1  
Psalm 69:1 – 3  
Psalm 65:5 – 7  
Psalm 77:16 – 20  
Isaiah 51:10  
Jonah 2:1 – 6

## The Value of Seeking God in a Solitary Place

Jesus went to a solitary place to be with His Father while His disciples set out to cross the Sea of Galilee. He often sought a solitary place to pray—sometimes alone, sometimes with His disciples. Although He was divine, Jesus was also human, so He experienced the same things we experience. He became weary physically and emotionally, and needed the strength and encouragement of His heavenly Father.

1. Why was it vitally important for Jesus to spend time alone with His Father as He faced the following situations?  
Matthew 14:6 – 13  
Matthew 14:14 – 23  
Mark 1:23 – 25  
Mark 1:29 – 38  
Luke 6:12  
Luke 22:39 – 46
2. Why did Jesus go to such lonely places?  
Mark 1:40 – 45
3. After Jesus spent time alone with His Father, what did He usually do?  
Matthew 14:14 – 36  
Mark 1:35 – 42
4. If you spent more time alone with God in a "lonely place." How might your life be different?

## Scripture References

Genesis 1	Matthew 4
Genesis 7	Matthew 11
Exodus 14	Matthew 13
Psalm 24	Mark 1
Psalm 30	Luke 5
Psalm 65	Luke 6
Psalm 69	Luke 8
Psalm 74	Luke 22
Psalm 77	John 21
Isaiah 9	Revelation 11
Isaiah 27	Revelation 13
Isaiah 51	Revelation 17
Daniel 7	Revelation 20
Jonah 2	

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