

What Manner of Man Is This? - 01/19/20

TEXT —Luke 8:22-25 *Now it came to pass on a certain day, that he went into a ship with his disciples: and he said unto them, **Let us go over unto the other side of the lake.** And they launched forth. 23 But as they sailed he fell asleep: and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filled with water, and were in jeopardy. 24 And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm. 25 And he said unto them, **Where is your faith?** And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, What manner of man is this! for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him.*

INTRO- This event is found in all three synoptic gospels. Nearly 20 centuries later, we still ask the same question, “What manner of man is this?” The life death and history of Jesus of Nazareth is well documented in history. No other person in history has been so established as Jesus Christ.

✚ Evidence from the Bible

✚ Evidence from historical writings

- The first-century Roman **Tacitus**, who is considered one of the more accurate historians of the ancient world, mentioned “Christians” who suffered under Pontius Pilate during the reign of Tiberius.
- **Josephus** is the most famous Jewish historian. In his *Antiquities* he refers to James, “the brother of Jesus, who was called Christ
- **Julius Africanus** quotes the historian Thallus in a discussion of the darkness that followed the crucifixion of Christ
- **Pliny the Younger**, recorded early Christian worship practices including the fact that Christians worshiped Jesus as God.
- *The Babylonian Talmud* confirms Jesus’ crucifixion on the eve of Passover.
- **Lucian of Samosata** was a second-century Greek writer who admits that Jesus was worshiped by Christians, introduced new teachings, and was crucified for them.
- **Mara Bar-Serapion** confirms that Jesus was thought to be a wise and virtuous man, was considered by many to be the king of Israel, was put to death by the Jews.
- The **Gnostic writings** (The Gospel of Truth, The Apocryphon of John, The Gospel of Thomas, The Treatise on Resurrection, etc.) that all mention Jesus.
- **Ignatius**, a bishop of Antioch, was condemned to death in Rome in the early 2nd century. In several of his letters, he references the

historical Jesus. In one letter to the church in [Tralles](#), he writes: Jesus Christ who was of the race of David, who was the Son of Mary, who was truly born and ate and drank, was truly persecuted under Pontius Pilate, was truly crucified and died in the sight of those in heaven and on earth and those under the earth; who moreover was truly raised from the dead, His Father having raised Him, who in the like fashion will so raise us also who believe in Him.

✚ Evidence of Christianity

Perhaps the greatest evidence that Jesus did exist is the fact that literally thousands of Christians in the first century AD, including the twelve apostles, were willing to give their lives as martyrs for Jesus Christ. People will die for what they believe to be true.

“The reality is that every single author who mentions Jesus — pagan, Christian, or Jewish — was fully convinced that He at least lived. The greater question is what significance is there to the life and death of Jesus Christ and what does it mean to you? Clearly his life influenced the world and its history but has it affected you?”

This series of messages are entitled “What manner of man is this.”

HE IS NO ORDINARY MAN!

The context of the passage Luke 8:22-25

You, in the words of Paul the apostle, can be a new creation in Christ Jesus - all the old things can be put away, and all things can be made new.

I. The Journey Begins...

The very first thing we notice is they are getting in a boat, they are starting a journey. Jesus is leading them from Capernaum and will come to the land of Gadara.

Mat 8:26 . . . **Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith?** Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.

II. A Great Storm Arose

Doesn’t that sound like some of the events people go through this each day? Everyday there is a storm rising and raging in someone’s life.

It is part of the journey in this life,

III. What Manner of Man is This? ...

The storm is raging, the disciples are at their wits end and Jesus is asleep in the bow of the boat.

They felt they were about to die.

At times in the storms of life we feel that way.... we are drowning and there is no hope.

What does this phrase mean... lets break this phrase in half and look at it.... Why are you afraid..... There is a ringing sense of fear, they lacked courage.... and when you tie it to the second half of the phrase “O, you of little faith”

* Did you think I would not watch over you... Did you not trust me or the Father to keep you safe.... where is your faith??

Jesus rebuked the wind and the waves and it all grew still..... and they marveled... “what manner of man is this..”

He is no ordinary man, He is the God man, the Son of man, the Son of the living God. Jesus is his name...

He is the man who can touch the leper and restore his skin,

He is the one who gives sight to the blind.

He is the one who makes the lame walk,

He is the one that heals all manner of suffering

He is the one who raises the dead.

He is the one who took our suffering, our punishment, our shame and died on the cross for our sin that we might be free, that we might have life, that we can be called the sons and daughters of the living God.

Who is Jesus to you!

I. Saving Man

Heb 4:15-16 *For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*

Acts 4:12-13 *Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. 13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.*

John 14:6 *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

Nicodemus found Him to be a saving man

Zacchaeus found Him to be a saving man

The woman at the well found Him to be a saving man

Mary Magdalene found Him to be a saving man

Psa 40:1-3 *I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. 2 He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. 3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.*

John Newton

Martin Luther

C.T. Studd

Mike Lindell found Him to be a saving man

Mickey Mantle

People here in these pews

II. Sheltering Man

Be not afraid

Psa 91:1-7 *He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. 3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. 4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. 5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; 6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. 7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.*

III. Satisfying Man

Heb 11:24-26 *By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; 25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; 26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.*

IV. Supplying Man

Php 4:19 *But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

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