

Mark 4v21-41

Jesus calms the storm

The calming of the storm v35-41

What evidence is there that the storm was dangerous ?

What is odd about rebuking the wind v39 ?

When the wind and waves obey what does this show about the identity of Jesus ?

That He is the _____ to re-car (unjumble letters)

What does it seem will overcome fear in v40 ? _____

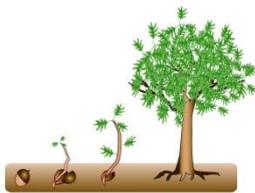


The parables v21-34

The two parables starting in v26 and v30 are describing what important subject ?

The _____ of _____

It's sometimes said this is 'God's people in God's place under God's rule'



But what very small thing is used in the parables to describe it ? A _____

It grows quietly and almost without noticing, and yet when it is fully grown, it can be more than 20 feet tall (some trees can be over 200 feet high !)

God often uses small and weak things for His purposes. We like power and success and fame. But when Jesus came, the Kingdom of God was not announced in power. He was born in a stable. He was humble.

Why did Jesus tell these parables at this point ? Because some might have feared that the mission might collapse because of all the opposition, but the parables tell us that God's kingdom might appear to outsiders to be weak but it will never fail and is growing day by day.

The disciples said to Jesus : do You not care that we are perishing ?

Of course Jesus did care (look at 1 Peter 5v7). But the truth is that all people are going to perish if their sins remain unforgiven.

However, Jesus has done an even greater miracle than the calming of the storm by taking the punishment instead of us. John 3v16 tells us how God saves those who are perishing. Copy it out below

John 3v16