

*Q8. This was certainly evidence that Jesus was no ordinary guy?*

*What other evidence so far in Mark has indicated that Jesus was special or unique?*

*Q9. Do you think we have become too complacent over the amazing fact that God Himself has entered the human race in Jesus and has become one of us?*

*What does this speak of the enormity of God's love and determination to save us?*

*What does it speak about the enormity of the sin of rejecting such a one?*

*Q10. What have you personally learned from this study?*

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*A Series in the Gospel of Mark*

# **8. Who Is This Guy?**

Mark 4:35-41

*The things Jesus has been doing since the commencement of his ministry has really got the people guessing just who He is. Mark has told his readers right at the beginning (Mark 1:1) just who he believes Jesus is. He is the Christ (The Coming One who would thoroughly save His people) and He is The Son of God (the Divine or God Man). Every incident in his Gospel gives evidence towards Mark's conclusion.*

*Jesus Himself resisted declaring that He was God at the beginning. He just lived and spoke in such a way that the people could increasingly tell.*

*This story is a classic clincher. This made the disciples' jaw drop. No man can change the weather. We are getting better at describing it and predicting it, but no mere mortal can definitively alter the weather. Jesus of Nazareth did in this incident. He commanded the wind and the waves and they were instantly stilled and made calm. Even the weather obeys this man.*

*Moses was able to part the waters of the Red Sea (Ex 14:19,21-31). The Lord told Moses what to do. "Lift up your staff ...". Moses was a man under orders from God. God did it through Him, but he never claimed to be God. Jesus just did from His own authority. God Himself was clearly living among us.*

*Q1. Who was in the party travelling by boat? (v35-36)*

*How many boats were there?*

*Where were they travelling? Why?*

*Q2.How serious was the situation? (v37)*

*Was it a serious storm or a little one?*

*Was it threatening those in the boat? How?*

*Q3.What was Jesus doing? Why? (v38)*

*What does this indicate?*

*What human needs did Jesus have?*

*Q4.What indications were there that the disciples were panicking? (v38)*

*Do you think you would you have been panicking?*

*Q5.What did Jesus do to change the weather? (v39)*

*How does it compare to Genesis 1:3?*

*Was the change dramatic? How?*

*Q6.What teaching moment did Jesu make out of this incident? (v40)*

*What is the relationship between fear and faith in real life?*

*Why would it have been reasonable for Jesus to be disappointed with their faith ?*

*Q7.How is the fear mentioned in Mark 4:41 different to the fear mentioned in v40?*

*Is this a good fear? Why?*