

Christ in the Storm

At the age of 27, Rembrandt painted *Christ in the Storm on the Sea of Galilee* based on the story in Mark 4. Rembrandt's painting shows a small boat threatened with destruction in a furious storm. As the disciples struggle against the wind and waves, Jesus is undisturbed.

Mark's gospel describes the disciple's lesson about who Jesus is and what He can do. While the disciples were frantically trying to save the boat from sinking, Jesus was asleep. The disciples asked, "Didn't He care that they were all about to die?" When Jesus calmed the storm, He asked them penetrating questions, "Why were you so fearful? How is it you have no faith?"

We could put ourselves in the same place as the disciples today. With coronavirus spreading, we could be asking the same questions as the disciples did. Does Jesus care? We should as Christians, discover that in each storm we face by ourselves or together, Christ reveals His presence, compassion and control in every situation. Take a deep breath, stay calm and trust that Christ is in the Storm.

Together through prayer and service,

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