



*the gospel of*  
**MARK**

# *A Seed, A Storm, and the Most Crucial Question ever asked...*

Mark 4:30-41

# *The Gospel of Mark (thus far...)*

- John-Mark's collection of Peter's accounts
- Jesus is identified as the awaited Messiah!
  - He has Authority and Lordship over all.
  - People are called to repent of rejecting God.

# A Seed

- 4:30-34 “with what can we compare the Kingdom of God?”
- Definition: The Kingdom of God is the glorious sum of all things pertaining to God’s rule, reign and rescuing activity on earth and in the lives of sinful man.

# The Mustard Seed Kingdom ...

- (1) ... Is an Unexpected Presence
  - Compared to what people presumed
    - Many expected God's rescue from earthly oppression
      - Politics, Poverty, Powerlessness

# The Mustard Seed Kingdom ...

- (2) ... Meets an Unexpected Oppression
  - What TRULY devastates and binds?
  - Sin, Rebellion, and the Separation from God these produce
  - These are the most pressing needs!

# The Mustard Seed Kingdom ...

- (3) ... Includes Unexpected People
  - A large plant with large branches
  - Provides life to all *KINDS* of people
    - the previously shunned or excluded
    - Levi, Simon, the ch. 5 man!

# A Storm

- 4:35-41 “*Let us go across to the other side.*”
  - Jesus leads the disciple’s Mission
    - But He doesn’t provide many details!
    - Implicit instruction: “*Trust me!*”
    - 4:26-29 Sows and sleeps...

# A Storm

- 4:35-41 “*Let us go across to the other side.*”
  - When met with adversity/opposition:
    - The disciples revert to fear, blame and question Jesus’ goodness and provision
    - But the true disciple endures hardship giving Glory to God!

- 4:35-41 “Do you not care that we are perishing?!”
  - “Will I entrust my life and soul to my faithful creator ... *will you do the same* in the midst of the difficulties you are facing?” –Chris Lawson



# A Storm

- 4:35-41 “Who is this...?”
  - Jesus stills the storm with a command!
  - Yet another powerful demonstration of His ultimate authority and Kingship.
  - The Greatest Question anyone can ever ask...

- 1. Believer, thank God for the Unexpected ways He has blessed you, rescued you and yes, challenged or chastened you!
- 2. How do you answer the question the disciples asked? If we say “He is Lord”, does our life align with our words?