good morning I'm Jay John welcome

01:25

to Christ Church and welcome to anyone

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else that's tuning in from throughout

01:31

the UK and around the world

01:34

here is the parish the world God's

01:39

Parish is the world my title this

01:43

morning from my sermon is is Jesus

01:48

asleep in the boat during the

01:52

coronavirus storm with our nation in

01:58

lockdown there is a lot of fear and a

02:03

lot of panic and we might be thinking

02:06

Lord don't you care the world

02:10

is being infected by a virus and that we

02:14

can't see or touch or control it don't

02:19

you see that the children all have to

02:22

stay at home and that causes a lot of

02:25

stress and fun and all of our upcoming

02:30

travels have been canceled and we might

02:34

not be able to get any toilet paper

02:37

Jesus don't you care

02:40

a story that kilee read makes two points

02:48

first it demonstrates who Jesus is who

02:55

is this

02:57

the disciples asked even the wind and

03:01

the waves obey Him and the implication

03:06

of this is that we can trust Jesus in

03:11

all the storms of life secondly it is a

03:18

reminder that even we who are following

03:23

Jesus we can be hit by the storms of

03:28

life now let's get a little bit of the

03:32

background to the story mark the writer

03:37

switches from Jesus teaching with

03:42

authority

03:43

to Jesus with authority the story starts

03:49

on the western side of the Sea of

03:54

Galilee following a day of teaching and

03:58

Jesus instructs his disciples to get

04:02

into the boat and row over to the

04:06

eastern side which should take

04:08

approximately two hours then there is an

04:13

unexpected and a sudden storm the

04:19

disciples now they would have been

04:22

very experienced about storms about the

04:25

sea about the waves because many of them

04:29

were fishermen the very routine of

04:34

nature of it seen from the fact that

04:37

Jesus he finds a cushion and he falls

04:42

asleep the disciples are obeying

04:46

instructions now this is the important

04:48

point they're actually only following

04:51

the instructions of Jesus and yet

04:54

they're in trouble now I can imagine the

04:58

disciples thinking that nothing's going

05:02

to go wrong because Jesus is with us but

05:06

the truth is they are following Jesus

05:09

and they do get into difficulty there's

05:14

a dangerous myth that to be a Christian

05:18

means that you have a problem-free life

05:23

that is not true

05:25

mark the writer tells us it is a furious

05:30

storm the wind is furious

05:34

the boat is in danger of being swamped

05:37

with water

05:39

these fishermen experienced something

05:44

very very alarming why was Jesus asleep

05:51

well I think there are two answers two

05:56

reasons possible answers

05:59

Jesus was asleep because he was

06:03

exhausted

06:03

he'd been teaching all day and he needed

06:08

sleep the second reason is that he knew

06:13

that nothing would actually go wrong

06:17

Jesus had the tranquility of faith the

06:25

psalmist wrote in Psalm 4 verse 3 in

06:29

I will lie down and sleep ironically the

06:38

only place in the Bible that we hear of

06:42

Jesus sleeping is during a storm why did

06:48

they wake him there a mark teacher don't

06:54

you care if we drown is the strongest

06:58

criticism of Jesus from the disciples in

07:02

all the Gospels it is the language of

07:06

panic there is more than a hint of

07:11

disappointment in their words teacher do

07:15

you not care if we perish

07:18

why had he allowed them to enter such a

07:23

situation

07:25

Jonah's storm after all had been a

07:28

punishment for disobedience but they had

07:34

been obedient so what's going on here

07:40

God is in control we see this later on

07:47

with Jesus's healing gyrus his daughter

07:51

and with Jesus and Lazarus but in those

07:56

situations as well he delayed why does

08:00

Jesus delay to act God has his own

08:08

schedule and his own reasons secondly

08:15

those of us who follow Jesus need to

08:18

learn not to treat Jesus as someone we

08:22

can just summon fear makes the disciples

08:29

rude they are however not rebuked for

08:36

their rude

08:38

nurse but for their lack of faith now to

08:45

the command to nature Jesus got up I

08:50

love that I can picture Jesus he's in

08:53

the boat he's having a sleep he gets

08:56

woken and then the writer says he got up

09:00

it's like he just stood up with all

09:03

authority he stood up he rebuked the

09:09

wind he spoke to the waves quiet be

09:17

still there is Authority he issues the

09:24

command and it was completely calm jesus

09:35

said to his disciples why are you so

09:39

afraid do you still have no faith he

09:46

does not rebuke them for disturbing him

09:50

but for disturbing themselves with their

09:55

fears do you still have no faith

10:01

obviously they did have faith but it was

10:06

an inadequate faith they have more

10:12

statements of faith but in a crisis

10:16

can't live them out and in a similar way

10:20

we make statements of faith we say the

10:26

Creed we announce these incredible

10:29

statements but does our walk match our

10:35

talk faith

10:41

over fear what is Jesus saying here we

10:48

need to realize that no storm is going

10:52

to sink the boat with Jesus in it do you

10:59

really think I think maybe Jesus thought

11:02

this or one of those little bubbles that

11:07

comes out do you think the boat is gonna

11:12

sink with me in the boat the great

11:18

question here is the great question who

11:22

is this that even the wind and the waves

11:26

obey Him now you see any Jew would have

11:33

known the answer to that question there

11:36

is only one who can speak to a storm all

11:40

the ways and that is Yahweh the Hebrew

11:46

word for God Psalm 29 says the voice of

11:53

the Lord

11:53

echoes above the sea the god of glory

11:56

thunders

11:57

the Lord thunders over the mighty sea

12:01

the Lord rules over the flood waters the

12:04

Lord reigns as king forever the Lord

12:08

gives his people strength the Lord

12:10

blessed them with peace in the New

12:16

Testament however it makes it clear that

12:19

Jesus Christ he is the lord of creation

12:25

and so we read in Colossians chapter 1

12:29

verse 16 for by him Jesus all things

12:34

were created things in heaven and on

12:39

earth visible and invisible whether

12:42

Thrones or powers or rulers or

12:46

authorities all things were created by

12:51

him and for him

12:55

now notice there are two different types

12:59

of fear in this story there is physical

13:04

fear they kind of drown secondly a

13:11

spiritual fear they realize who they

13:17

were with it was like they had an

13:20

epiphany the light came on the fear of

13:26

the Lord is the beginning of wisdom

13:32

you see many people today they fear the

13:38

virus when actually we should all be

13:43

fearing God

13:44

now when I say fairy God I don't mean

13:47

being scared of God but being so aware

13:54

that he is the creator of the entire

13:58

universe and that we need to bow to helm

14:02

acknowledging him and and Express all in

14:08

who he is

14:11

sometimes a crisis can speak to people

14:16

who would otherwise not hear a maybe

14:23

this particular crisis God is trying to

14:28

get your attention

14:33

storms happen to everyone including

14:39

God's people analyzers Christians alike

14:44

April weather showers and Sun mixed

14:49

together we alike and ease the people

14:54

living in a good Friday world sometimes

15:00

God saves us from the storms

15:06

sometimes he saves us in storms and

15:11

sometimes he takes us out of storms to

15:15

him sometimes we are saved from death

15:20

and sometimes through death we are

15:26

promised a safe landing but not a smooth

15:32

journey for us Christians there are no

15:39

storm less seas we who sail with Christ

15:47

must learn to expect the unexpected

15:53

even if Jesus doesn't seem to be

15:57

obviously present and the silence of the

16:05

Lamb we can be assured that Jesus is in

16:14

control the point of this story whether

16:19

Jesus was sleeping or awake he was still

16:26

in control

16:30

therefore we must not fear but exercise

16:37

faith this is an opportunity for those

16:41

of us that love Jesus to have our faith

16:45

reinforced in sin and for those of us

16:51

that have never really acknowledged the

16:55

creator of the universe this is a time

16:58

when we can call out on Jesus and bow

17:04

before him and say Jesus you created me

17:10

in my mother's womb

17:14

you came into this world to die on a

17:18

cross for me but you rose from the dead

17:22

which is what East is all about so that

17:26

I can experience forgiveness from the

17:30

past new life today and a hope for the

17:35

future whether you're a Christian

17:40

whether you're still on the journey of

17:42

faith

17:43

why don't we all put our faith our trust

17:48

in Jesus and you might want to reinforce

17:53

your faith today or you might want to

17:56

say to Jesus for the first time Jesus I

18:00

bow before you as one of his disciples

18:05

did and say my Lord and my god

18:09

if we do that we will experience a peace

18:14

and a presence in our lives

18:18

not just during this particular storm

18:23

but forever join me in making that a

18:28

reality by praying this prayer Jesus I

18:34

believe you are the creator of the

18:39

universe Jesus I believe that you reign

18:45

and raw Jesus I believe that you are

18:52

Lord and God I thank you Jesus that you

18:59

came and rescued me on the cross that

19:04

Good Friday I believe Jesus that you

19:10

rose from the dead and you are alive

19:14

today I ask you to forgive me cleanse me

19:21

and fill me with your Holy Spirit

19:26

I put my faith and trust in you help me

19:35

from this day on to fix my eyes on you

19:42

thank you Jesus for hearing my prayer

19:45

amen a prayer for you Jesus we pray for

19:52

every person that prayed that prayer

19:56

that they would know the truth of the

19:59

prayer that was prayed that they would

20:02

know cleansing healing that they would

20:06

know your presence your peace they would

20:12

know the power of your Holy Spirit and

20:17

we pray for all of us that we would know

20:20

your protection as we fix our eyes on

20:24

you and trust you the creator of the

20:30

entire universe thank you Jesus that

20:35

even if you are sleeping or not you are

20:41

in control in Jesus name we pray

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