

THE BOAT RIDE FROM HELL

Mark 4:35-41

Jesus is doing an _____

That _____ himself

Against the _____

On the _____

READ. REFLECT. RESPOND. REMEMBER.

There's a throwaway line in Mark v. 36 – "There were also other boats with him." I find that line fascinating. As we think of what Jesus does not just as my personal escape from storms, but as a general good news for this whole world that has labored under what does not make us whole, this verse is particularly uplifting. It wasn't *just* for him. It wasn't *just* for his disciples. It was for all who were locked in a terrible situation. The people in the other boats, too. Read Mark 4:35-41.

Reflect:

The language of exorcism is strong here, and it is really important. The fall extends to all spheres of our existence – to ourselves, surely – but also to nature. How does the work of Jesus bring *shalom/wholeness/peace* to this storm?

There are many places in the New Testament where people are possessed by demons. Jesus is about to visit one in Mark 5(1-20). Read that and compare these moments, and their effect.

Respond:

Jesus' work is always towards wholeness for everything.

Remember:

"He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, 'Quiet! Be still!' Then the wind died down and it was completely calm." Mark 4:39