

THE KING'S AUTHORITY OVER THE NATURAL  
(Matthew 8:23-27)

- I. The SETTING (Matt. 8:23-24)
  - A. The DEPARTURE
    - 1. JESUS entered the BOAT
    - 2. His DISCIPLES followed Him (cf. Mark 4:36)
  - B. The WEATHER
    - 1. It changed SUDDENLY
    - 2. It produced a “GREAT STORM”
    - 3. Waves were SWAMPING the boat (cf. Mark 4:37)
  - C. The SLEEP: Jesus was ASLEEP in the STERN (cf. Mark 4:38)
    - 1. We get a GLIMPSE of His HUMANITY
    - 2. We get a DEMONSTRATION of His CONFIDENCE
  
- II. The SITUATION (Matt. 8:25-26a)
  - A. The PANIC
    - 1. They WOKE Jesus

2. They cried, "LORD, SAVE!"
3. They cried, "We are PERISHING!"

B. The QUESTION

1. Jesus asked, "WHY are you AFRAID..."
2. Jesus chided, "...you men of LITTLE FAITH?"

III. The SOVEREIGN (Matt. 8:26b-27a)

A. The REBUKE

1. Jesus STOOD
2. He rebuked the WINDS and the SEA

B. The RESULT

1. The winds STOPPED
2. The waves STILLED

IV. The SIGNIFICANCE (Matt. 8:27)

A. The MAN: distinct from ALL OTHERS

B. The LORD: even the ELEMENTS obey HIM (cf. Job 38:8-11; Pss. 29:3-4, 10-11; 65:5-7; 89:9; 107:23-32)