

HE PROMISES—PART 2
“I’M NOT ALONE!”
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Matthew 28:19-20—“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Mark 4—The Sea of Galilee (picture)—

Mark 4:1-2—“Again Jesus began to teach by the lake. The crowd that gathered around him was so large that He got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people were along the shore at the water’s edge. He taught them many things by parables...”

The Parable of the Sower: Mark 4:3-20
A Lamp on a Stand—Mark 4:21-25
The Parable of the Growing Seed—Mark 4:26-29
The Parable of the Mustard Seed—Mark 4:30-32

Mark 4:34—“He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when He was alone with His own disciples, He explained everything.”

1) The Parables Were A Preparation For The Promise

Mark 4:35—“Then that day when evening came, He said to His disciples, ‘Let us go over to the other side.’”

2) We Trust & Obey Even When It Doesn’t Make Sense

Mark 4:36—“Leaving the crowd behind, they took Him along, just as He was, in the boat...”

Mark 4:36-37—“...There were also other boats with Him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped.”

The Big Idea:
God Will Send Us Into A Storm Not To Discipline Us, But Disciple Us!

3) Jesus Is In Control & He Cares

Mark 4:38—“Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke Him and said to Him, ‘Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?’”

John 16:33—“...In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

Mark 4:39—“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 4:40—“He said to His disciples, ‘Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?’”

Mark 4:41—“They were terrified and asked each other, ‘Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey Him!’”

Jesus Is Always In The Boat

Matthew 28:18-20—“Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.’

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

How Will You Respond?