

Matthew 8:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!

Analysis

The disciples' wonder 'What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!' reveals their growing understanding of Jesus' identity. They use 'what manner' (Greek: *potapos*) meaning 'from what country/source'—they recognize something supernatural. Their question echoes Psalm 89:9 ('thou rulest the raging of the sea') and Psalm 107:29 ('he maketh the storm a calm'), Old Testament texts about God's unique authority over creation.

Historical Context

The disciples had witnessed healings and exorcisms, but this nature miracle revealed Jesus as Creator exercising authority over His creation. Their question shows faith growing from recognition of power to questioning about identity—preparing for Peter's confession (16:16).

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does contemplating Jesus' power over creation deepen your worship?

2. What would it mean for Jesus to speak peace to the 'storms' in your life?

Interlinear Text

οἱ	δὲ	ἄνθρωποι	ἐθαύμασαν	λέγοντες	Ποταπός			
G3588	But	the men	marvelled	saying	What manner of man			
	G1161	G444	G2296	G3004	G4217			
ἐστίν	οὗτος	ὅτι	καὶ	οἱ	ἄνεμοι	καὶ	ἡ	θάλασσα
is	this	that	and	G3588	the winds	and	G3588	the sea
G2076	G3778	G3754	G2532		G417	G2532		G2281
ὑπακούουσιν			αὐτῷ					
obey			him					
G5219			G846					

Additional Cross-References

Mark 7:37 (Parallel theme): And were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.

Mark 6:51 (Parallel theme): And he went up unto them into the ship; and the wind ceased: and they were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure, and wondered.

Mark 1:27 (Parallel theme): And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.

Matthew 15:31 (Parallel theme): Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel.

Matthew 14:33 (Parallel theme): Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.