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"Who do you say that I am?" This is the question that Jesus asked his disciple, Peter? And this is the question people asked throughout Jesus' earthly life. From his teachings to his healings and to the miracles he performed, people wrestled with the identity of Jesus. The Gospel of Mark was written to answer just this question—Who do you say Jesus is? And this question is as relevant today as it was 2,000 years ago when Jesus asked it of Peter? In our journey through the Gospel of Mark we will study the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus and ask ourselves, "Who do you say he is?"

Do not doubt Jesus' dominion over life's despairing storms.

- As you reflect on the message, what stood out to you? What is something you are still thinking about?
- What is something from the message that challenged you? How are you wrestling with that challenge?
- What question(s) do you have from the message?
- What is at least one practical takeaway from the message?

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35 On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” **36** And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. **37** And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. **38** But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” **39** And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. **40** He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” **41** And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

- The storm the disciples were in produced desperation in them. How would you describe desperation? What has been your experience of desperation?
- Despite the disciples’ despairing situation, Jesus is asleep on the boat! How did the disciples respond to Jesus? How can our responses to Jesus be similar in despairing situations?
- In somewhat of a surprising moment, Jesus rebukes the disciples: “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” (Mark 4:40). Look back over Mark 4. What had the disciples already forgotten about Jesus and his kingdom?
- Why do you think we doubt Jesus in life’s storms?
- Read Psalm 107:28–31. How does Mark’s story mirror what is spoken about in Psalm 107? What does this tell us about what Mark is trying to do in his Gospel?
- What does Jesus’ response to the storm continue to tell us about his identity? Remember Mark 1:1.
- How is this miracle different from all the other miracles Jesus has performed thus far?
- How does trust in Jesus today bring peace in our storms?
- What storm are you currently in? Be honest and transparent with your group. Then have people in your group pray for those in storms. Ask the Lord to both strengthen their faith and deliver them from these storms.