

# Do You Believe?

And when he got into the boat, His disciples followed Him. And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but He was asleep. And they went and woke him, saying, "Save us, Lord; we are perishing." And He said to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" Then He rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. And the men marveled, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey Him?"

JESUS?

- . Good teacher?
- . Martyr?
- . Good example?
- Or MUCH MORE!

Your view of Jesus Christ will transform -

- . The way you live.
- . The way you respond to trials.
- . The way you relate to others.

## 1. Jesus is the Creator of all things.

For by Him all things were created in heaven and on earth visible and invisible... Col. 1:16

"Nothing exploded -  
Created Everything!"  
Stephen Hawking

... whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities.  
Col. 1:16

... all things were created through Him and for Him. Col. 1:16

Jesus Christ is the reason for all of creation. You have been created to Know Him! To Love Him! To Serve Him!  
And He is before all things and in Him all things hold together.  
Col. 1:17

He upholds the universe by the word of His power. Heb. 1:3

“Life appears to depend upon delicate coincidences that we haven’t been able to explain.”

Frank Wilczek

Outside the tomb – marking on the stone

Jesus Christ Savior

The Alpha and the Omega

All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. Jn. 1:3

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is Yours,. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and Your are exalted as head above all.

1 Chron. 29:11

“There are several tenable theories about the origin of organic material on the primitive earth, but in no case is the supporting evidence compelling.” Leslie Orgel

“At present all discussions on principal theories and experiments in the field either end in stalemate or in a confession of ignorance.”

Klaus Dose

“The origin of life seems almost to be a miracle, so many are the conditions which would have had to be have been satisfied to get it going.” Francis Crick

“Anyone who tells you that he or she knows how life started on the earth some 3.45 billion years ago is a fool or a knave. Nobody knows.”

Stuart Kauffman

“How did self-replicating organisms arise in the first place? It is fair to say that at the present time we simply do not know.” Francis Collins.

How does this truth change your prayer life?

## **2. Jesus has power over Creation.**

There arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves. Matt. 8:24

“storm” – shaking – term from which we get ‘seismic’

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Sea of Galilee – 13 mi. long

- 8 mi. wide

- 32 mi. – circumference

600 feet below sea level

Mt. Hermon to the North – 9000 ft  
Golan Heights – cliffs on the east  
... but He was asleep...

They went and woke Him saying “Save us, Lord; we are perishing”  
(25)

Crucial point of faith  
- ready to call out to the Lord?  
- desperate for His saving touch?

And He said to them. – “Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?”  
(26)

Fearful – faithless  
Faithful - fearless

Then He rose and rebuked  
the winds and the sea, and  
there was a great calm.  
He made the storm be still and the waves of the sea were hushed.  
Ps. 107:29

O Lord God of hosts, who is mighty as You are, O Lord, with your faithfulness all  
around You. Ps. 89:8

You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise, You still them.  
(9)

And the men marveled saying, What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey  
Him?” (27)

... 4th watch of the night when He came to them walking on the sea. Matt. 14:25  
And those in the boat worshiped Him saying, “Truly You are the Son of God.” Matt.  
14:33

- No longer any room for doubt.
- No longer any hesitation of trust.
- No longer any confusion of thinking.

Do you believe in the God of ridiculous odds?

Primary Goal – Worship Him!

... so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to  
the glory of God.

2 Cor. 4:15

### 3. Jesus has power to multiply creation.

. Feeding of 5,000.

Matt 14:19 - 5 loaves, 2 fish

20 - all ate and were satisfied

took up 12 baskets full of broken pieces left over.

21 - 5,000 men besides women and children

. Continuous miracle - as He gave to the disciples.

. Invisible miracle to a natural situation.

. Unselfish miracle - disciples gave away before they knew whether any would be left over.

Feeding of 4,000 - Matt. 15:34

37 - They all ate and were satisfied.

They took up 7 baskets full of broken pieces left over.

38 - 4,000 men plus women and children

5,000 fed - "kophinos" - small basket

4,000 fed - "spuridas" - quite large

Multiplying the fish into their nets.

Lk. 5:4 - toiled all night and caught nothing.

5 - but at Your word I will let down the nets.

6 - a large number of fish and their nets were breaking.

7 - filled both boats - began to sink.

Turning water into wine.

When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine... you have kept the good wine until now. (Jn. 2:9, 10b)

Manifested His glory and His disciples believed in Him.

Jn. 2:11

As Creator ...

- "normal" ingredients not needed!

- "normal" time is not needed!

- "normal" process is not needed!

As a follower of Christ...

- Worship Him as Creator!

- Trust Him as Creator!
- Surrender to Him as Creator!