

# ROGUE MESSIAH

Getting to Know Jesus & Love Him

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Debrief Plan: 3/29/2020

## The Crucible of Crisis

Mark 4:35-41

**Introduction:** Crises are usually unexpected, and the reactions they provoke from us tend to reveal what we REALLY think and believe.

### The Crisis of Fear:

- I'm in trouble...and Jesus isn't \_\_\_\_\_ it. (4:35-37)
- I'm going to die...and Jesus doesn't \_\_\_\_\_. (4:38)

### Jesus Responds by...

- Resolving the \_\_\_\_\_. (4:39)
- Challenging their \_\_\_\_\_. (4:40)

### Next Time...

- \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus. (4:38)
- \_\_\_\_\_ His Heart. (4:40)
- Take Him \_\_\_\_\_. (4:41)

**Conclusion:** Next time a crisis hits, don't be fooled- God isn't passive or uncaring. Trust His heart and wait- He'll come through for you.

### Icebreakers:

1. Where were you on 9/11/2001 when you got the news? Did that crisis teach you anything about yourself? About your countrymen?
2. Can you think of someone who experienced a crisis that defined them in a bad way? Someone else who experienced one that defined them in a good way? What made the difference, do you think?

**Sermon Summary:** A crisis often serves to reveal our hidden fears that Jesus doesn't really care about what happens to us. But what if Jesus allows crises to expose those fears, so that we will learn to cry out to Him, to trust His heart, and to take Him more seriously?

### Discussion Questions:

1. Why do we instinctively believe that Jesus owes it to us to fix our problems? Does this belief come from the Bible, or somewhere else?
2. PT suggests that one of our greatest fears is that Jesus doesn't really care about **us**. We fear that we're just insignificant pawns in a game He's playing and that He is willing to sacrifice us if it helps him win. How would you respond to someone who suggested that this is correct?
3. Read Mark 4:38. Did the disciples do the right thing to wake Jesus up and ask Him if He cared they were perishing? Explain your answer!
4. What seems to be Jesus's demeanor through this whole life-threatening episode? How could he stay so calm?
5. Why do you think that Jesus wanted to expose their fear and lack of faith? What did He hope to accomplish with His rebuke in verse 38?
6. Can you think of crisis that Jesus resolved in your life? How did it happen? Did the experience affect the way that you responded to the next crisis?
7. PT contends that it is better to complain to Jesus and accuse Jesus of indifference in a crisis than to stay silent. Agree or disagree? Give reasons!
8. What does trusting God look like when you are entering a new crisis?
9. Proverbs 1:7 suggests that the "fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge." Can you think of any reasons why that might be the case?
10. How can you tell that someone genuinely takes God seriously? What does that look like in a person's life?
11. What do we do if, in the end, God chooses NOT to intervene miraculously and save us from the thing we were scared of? Is that the end of our trust in Him?