



## **SBC Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020**

Storm on the Lake and the Good Samaritan are two of the stories I particularly remember for my childhood. The Good Samaritan I liked as there was a fight but it all turned out good in the end and the storm on the lake was another of my favourite ones.

Read Mark 4 v 35-41

I remember that on a Sunday evening when Dad came back from church and I was just in bed, so I would have been around 6 or 7 years old, he would come and say good night. Sometimes he would ask if I would like a bible story read. Mum and Dad had a few easy read children's bible story books that I would choose from. I often chose the storm on the lake as I liked the idea of the boat being almost swamped with water, while Jesus was asleep and then when the disciples woke Jesus, he just said 'be still' to the waves and wind ... then all was peaceful.

Think about this story of Jesus, he was with his disciples on just another day and now needed some rest time, so asks his disciples to take him across the Sea of Galilee. Jesus goes and lies down in the front of the boat and the disciples carry on as they normally do sailing the boat, after all they are fishermen. As they go across the sea the conditions change and a very big storm comes across the lake which threatens to sink the boat. These experienced fishermen knew they were in danger and that they needed help. When Jesus is woken up, he asks the disciples where their faith is and calms the storm. Everything returns to normal, except that the disciples have even more questions about who Jesus really is than before. They have now seen with their own eyes that even the wind and waves obey him. A reminder to the disciples of who Jesus really was, the one and only Son of God. God created the world and everything in it, so therefore he has the power to control the wind and waves.

This story has come to my mind a few times over the last few months. Think about the story and how it could relate to life today especially since the covid 19 pandemic as affected the whole world. Think about our country and how things have changed, how we have all been in a full lockdown and now for us in Stanground we can venture out following the guidelines to keep safe, but life is different for us all. Yet all through this period of our lives, some could refer to it as a storm, God has and is with us – every moment of every day. The time will come when this storm is past and we will be able to move around with more freedom and get back to what we call normal life (even if it is slightly different). This story gives me a sense of peace knowing that God is continuing to protect me, those I love and all of us.

Remember the words that Jesus left his disciples with at the end of Matthew's Gospel, the great commission, 'I am with you always to the very end of the age.' Matthew 28 v 20 (part of).