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Jesus over Nature

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HOW DOES JESUS HAVING POWER OVER NATURE SHAPE THE WAY WE LIVE?

The POINT >

Jesus's power over nature helps strengthen our faith and reminds us He is in control.

> MARK 4:35-41

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 BIBLE MEETS LIFE

FACT:

Contrary to popular belief, lightning often strikes the same place twice. (The Empire State Building is struck about twenty-three times a year!)



LEVELS OF BIBLICAL LEARNING // JESUS

There is nothing Jesus cannot handle—this includes the power of nature and all created things.

One Saturday afternoon, some friends and I decided we would rent a pontoon boat. It was supposed to be a beautiful, calm day. No bad weather was forecasted. We were having a great time out on the lake when suddenly it began to rain. Before long, that rain had become a full-blown storm. We were petrified and thought we were either going to sink or lightning was going to strike the big metal boat. We were caught off guard, and fear was our first reaction. The storm left as fast as it came, thankfully, and none of our fears came true.

Like my adventure that day, life is full of storms we don't see coming. Our reaction to the storms shows where we are in our walk with Jesus. Are we fearful, or are we full of faith? We must make sure we don't react in fear but in the knowledge that Jesus loves us and is walking through all the storms of life with us.

MARK 4:35-37,39

1 When was the last time you felt overwhelmed and afraid like the disciples in the storm? How did you respond?

2 How can you practice trusting Jesus more during your storms?

MARK 4:38,40

3 What situations in your life cause you to question if Jesus cares?

4 How do you usually respond?

5 What does Jesus's calmness in the storm teach you about trusting God's timing and presence?

*Jesus calls us to see through the eyes of faith, not fear.
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MARK 4:41

6 What are some areas in your life where you struggle to feel safe or confident?

7 How does knowing Jesus has authority over all things give you peace in uncertain situations?

8 In what ways can you grow your understanding of who Jesus is so your assurance in Him deepens?





LIVE IT OUT



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When you mention severe weather around students, they may wonder if it will get them out of school early. Others who live in extreme weather areas may have had real experiences with tornadoes, hurricanes, or blizzards. Their families may have even lost possessions due to these events, and it creates some anxiety moving forward. Another thing to consider is who controls the weather. In this lesson, students will see that the Jesus they serve can even control nature and the weather.

>CHRIST

9 When have you experienced fear in your life?

10 How can Jesus get you through your fear?

GOD

JESUS

HOLY SPIRIT

BIBLE

SALVATION

CREATION

CHURCH

PEOPLE

FAMILY

COMMUNITY
& WORLD

> COMMUNITY

11 Who do you know who needs to experience God's peace?



12 How can you help others understand the peace of God?

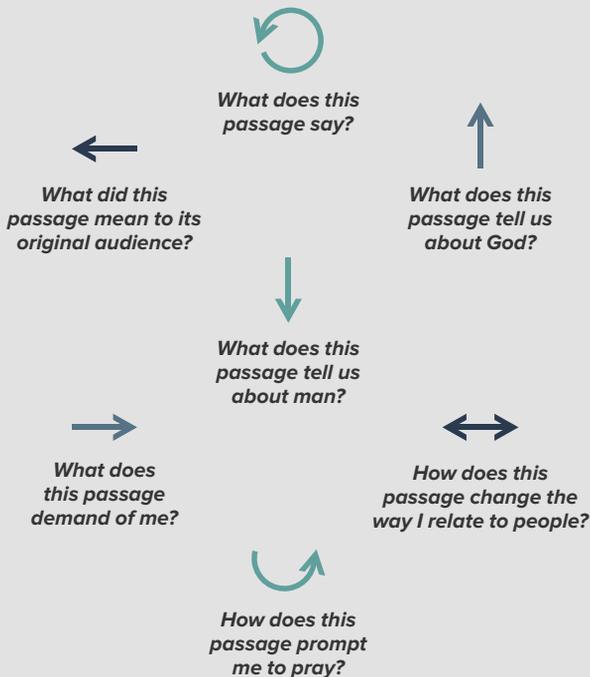
> CULTURE

13 We must live in peace so the world can see Jesus in us. What can you do to spread peace to others?

DAILY DEVOTIONS



The 7 Arrows of Bible Reading



Day One GENESIS 1:1

Genesis 1:1 tells us that God is the Creator of all things. This truth reminds us that nature is not random or self-sustaining but under the intentional and purposeful authority of God. His power over the world should lead Christians to trust Him in all circumstances, knowing that the same God who spoke the universe into being is fully capable of dealing with our troubles in life. Because of this truth, we can have a deeper sense of peace and dependence on Him, especially in tough times.

This understanding of God's creation should shape how we take care of the world God has given us. We are not owners but caretakers of God's world, called to respect and preserve it as part of our worship. His creation reveals His character—His order, creativity, and power—which should make us want to worship Him even more. Recognizing God's authority over nature also encourages us to pray boldly, knowing that God the Creator is able to intervene in our lives when we're in need.

➤ **How does knowing God as Creator influence the way you respond to problems in life?**

➤ **How should knowing God as Creator influence our worship?**

Day Four

MATTHEW 5:45

This verse highlights God's grace and impartiality. He provides for all people, regardless of whether we deserve it or not. This challenges us as Christians to reflect God's love and kindness, not only to those who are easy to love, but also to those who are difficult to love—even those who oppose our faith. God's example calls us to rise above favoritism and show compassion without condition.

We are called to spread grace in our communities. Rather than responding with bitterness or judgment, we are to love and pray for those who may mistreat or oppose us. This kind of radical love is a powerful witness of the gospel and reflects the character of our heavenly Father. In doing so, we participate in His mission to reach the world with both truth and mercy.

- **How can you show God's love this week to someone who, by the world's standards, may not deserve it?**

- **What does this verse teach you about how God views people, and how should that affect us?**

Day Five

MATTHEW 27:51



This dramatic moment at Jesus's death reveals His divine authority, even over nature itself. The earthquake and torn veil were not random events—they were physical signs of a spiritual reality. This demonstrates that Jesus's death was not just a tragic end but a powerful act of redemption that showed His control over creation and His role as the mediator between God and mankind.

For believers today, this verse reminds us that Jesus's power extends beyond spiritual matters to the physical world. It encourages us to trust Him not only for salvation, but in all areas of life, especially in the tough times. Just as the earth shook at His death, our lives are transformed by His presence. We as Christians are called to live boldly, knowing that Jesus is all-powerful over both the natural and spiritual world.

- **How does Jesus's power over nature in this verse strengthen your faith during uncertain times?**

- **How does it change the way you live knowing you have direct access to God?**