

Series: Explore God Chicago; Sermon: **Is There a God?**
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Bible text explored: Mark 4:35–41

³⁵On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. ³⁷And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. ³⁸But 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?” ³⁹And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?” [ESV]

Review and application:

1. Have you or anyone you know ever wondered whether there is a God? What would it take for you to say of Jesus, “Who then is this?”

In this passage we have a storm, Jesus, and a response.

2. This (vv. 37-38) was more than an ordinary storm. How many of the disciples were experienced fishermen?
What was their assessment of the danger?
3. What scary storms are we facing nationally in our “age of outrage”?
What personal storms are threatening you?
4. Once awakened, how (vv. 39-40) did Jesus speak to the storm? (The word here rendered “*peace!*” carries the sense of “*be muzzled!*”)
What was the result?
What did nature’s response to Jesus establish?
5. When facing a crisis, do we instinctively appeal for God to bring his power to bear?
6. Why (v. 41) do you think the disciples’ response was one of great fear?
What was it that prompted them to exclaim, “Who then is this?”?