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KINGDOM MOVES – Storm Developing Faith

MARK 4:9-12

9 And He said to them, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" 10 But when He was alone, those around Him with the twelve asked Him about the parable.

11 And He said to them, "To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables, 12 so that 'Seeing they may see and not perceive, And hearing they may hear and not understand; Lest they should turn, And their sins be forgiven them.'

MARK 4:13-20

13 And He said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? 14 The sower sows the word. 15 And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts. ."

16 These likewise are the ones sown on stony ground who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness; 17 and they have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward, when tribulation or persecution arises for the word's sake, immediately they stumble.

18 Now these are the ones sown among thorns; they are the ones who hear the word, 19 and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. 20 But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred."

MARK 4:21-25

21 Also He said to them, "Is a lamp brought to be put under a basket or under a bed? Is it not to be set on a lampstand? 22 For there is nothing hidden which will not be revealed, nor has anything been kept secret but that it should come to light. 23 If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear."

24 Then He said to them, "Take heed what you hear. With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and to you who hear, more will be given. 25 For whoever has, to him more will be given; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him."

MARK 4:33-41

33 And with many such parables He spoke the word to them as they were able to hear it. 34 But without a parable He did not speak to them. And when they were alone, He explained all things to His disciples.

35 On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, *"Let us cross over to the other side."* 36 Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him.

37 And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. 38 But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?"

39 Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, *"Peace, be still!"* And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. 40 But He said to them, *"Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?"* 41 And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!"

SEMIOTICS

Applied semiotics deals with interpretation of discourses, art, etc. according to the theory of signs.

Hermeneutics is simply theory of interpretation can involve semiotics.

SHAMA=AKOOUO

Shama' is spelled *Shin* (paints the picture of teeth) which represents consumption, passion and love; *Mem* (paints the picture of an open womb) which represents the revealed knowledge of God and *Ayin* (paints the picture of an eye) which speaks of spiritual insight.

Hearing -

- *akoé* – properly, hearing; used of inner (spiritual) hearing that goes with receiving faith from God (Ro 10:17), i.e. spiritual hearing
- *akoúō* – properly, to hear (listen); (figuratively) to hear God's voice which prompts Him to birth faith within

THE WEARIED SLEEPER

The disciples 'take Him, . . . even as He was,' without preparation or delay, the object being simply to get away as quickly as might be, so great was His fatigue and longing for quiet.

állos (a primitive word) – another of the same kind; another of a similar type; other, another (of more than two), different.

They are taking the Christ that He is and the Christ that they perceive Him to be.

THE TERRIFIED DISCIPLES

The evening was coming on, and, as often on a lake set among hills, the wind rose as the sun sank behind the high land on the western shore astern. The fishermen disciples were used to such squalls, and, at first, would probably let their sail down, and pull so as to keep the boat's head to the wind.

But things grew worse, and when the crazy, undecked craft began to fill and get water-logged, they grew alarmed. The squall was fiercer than usual and must have been pretty bad to have frightened such seasoned hands. They awoke Jesus, and there is a touch of petulant rebuke in their appeal, and of a sailor's impatience at a landsman lying sound asleep while the sweat is running down their faces with their hard pulling.

Developing storm - *gínomai* – properly, to emerge, become, transitioning from one point (realm, condition) to another. (*gínomai*) means to come into being/manifestation implying motion, movement, or growth“ (at 2 Pet 1:4).

Thus it is used for God's actions as emerging from eternity and becoming (showing themselves) in time (physical space).

“What the thinker thinks, the prover proves.” – Leonard Orr

“You're always living in the feeling of your thinking.” – Keith Bivens, Clinical Psychologist

THE ACOUSTIC WORD

May we take 'Peace!' as spoken to the howling wind, bidding it to silence; and 'Be still!' as addressed to the tossing waves, smoothing them to a calm plain? At all events, the two things to lay to heart are that Jesus here exercises the divine prerogative of controlling matter by the bare expression of His will, and that this divine attribute was exercised by the wearied man, who, a moment before, had been sleeping the sleep of human exhaustion.

The marvelous combination of apparent opposites, weakness, and divine omnipotence, which yet do not clash, nor produce an incredible monster of a being, but coalesce in perfect harmony, is a feat beyond the reach of the loftiest creative imagination.

THE SPOKEN WORD HAS ACOUSTICS TO ALL THAT HAS EARS TO HEAR

Acoustics is the branch of physics that studies the properties of sound and how it behaves. It covers topics like the production, transmission, and reception of sound waves.

MARK 6:45-62

*45 And immediately Jesus had His disciples get into the boat and go ahead of Him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while He Himself *dismissed the crowd. 46 And after saying goodbye to them, He left for the mountain to pray.*

*47 When it was evening, the boat was in the middle of the sea, and He was alone on the land. 48 Seeing them straining at the oars—for the wind was against them—at about the fourth watch of the night, He *came to them, walking on the sea; and He intended to pass by them. 49 But when they saw Him walking on the sea, they thought that it was a ghost, and they cried out;*

*50 for they all saw Him and were terrified. But immediately He spoke with them and *said to them, "Take courage; it is I, do not be afraid." 51 Then He got into the boat with them, and the wind stopped; and they were utterly astonished, 52 for they had not gained any insight from the incident of the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.*

THE EMOTIONS IN A STORM

And he saw them toiling in rowing.

The Greek is, implying feeling not just action. it means literally, tormented. *basanízō* (from [931](#) /*básanos*, "a tormenting trial") – properly, to examine (literally by using *torture*).

- Emotions are gifts

Some say that God values all emotions, even those that aren't pleasant, and that they each have their own purpose. They believe that emotions can be expressed in a way that glorifies Jesus and leads to a deeper relationship with Him. For example, in the Bible, God didn't correct Elijah's fear and depression, but instead called him back to faith.

- Emotions can be invitations

Some say that emotions can be invitations to pay attention to something and to deepen faith and trust in God. For example, Psalm 30:11 says that God will turn mourning into dancing.

- Emotions can be opposed to God's will

Others say that emotions can be opposed to God's will and can conform people to their image. For example, 1 Peter 4:2 says that human passions are opposed to God's will.

THE SEEING OF CHRIST

49. *But when they saw him walking upon the sea, they supposed it had been a spirit, and cried out—"for fear" (Mt 14:26).*

He would appear to them at first like a dark moving speck upon the waters; then as a human figure; but in the dark tempestuous sky, and not dreaming that it could be their Lord, they take it for a spirit.

horáō – properly, see, often with metaphorical meaning: "to see with the mind" (i.e. spiritually see), i.e. perceive (with inward spiritual perception).

tarássō – properly, put in motion (to agitate back-and-forth, shake to-and-fro); (figuratively) to set in motion what needs to remain still (at ease); to "trouble" ("agitate"), causing inner perplexity (emotional agitation) from getting too stirred up inside ("upset").

UNCHECKED EMOTIONS BECOMES THE LENSE BY WHICH YOU SEE JESUS IN YOUR SITUATION.

YOU WILL NEVER SEE CHRIST AS HE IS BUT HOW YOU FEEL.

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HEART LESSONS THAT LEAD TO GROWTH

For they considered not the miracle of the loaves,... Which they had seen but the day before; they did not attend to it, nor learn from it, as they might, the wonderful glory of Christ, and the greatness of his power; which was as much an act of omnipotence, as either his walking upon the water, or causing the wind to cease, or more so.

For their heart was hardened; or "blinded"; not by sin, or against Christ, much less in a judicial way: but there was a great deal of dullness, stupidity, and want of attention in them.

The glory of Christ, which he manifested, and showed forth in his miracles, was not so clearly and fully discerned, attended to, and acknowledged by them, at it might reasonably be thought it would; for notwithstanding these miracles, which they daily saw, they stood in need of divine illuminations, that the darkness of their minds being removed, they might behold the glory of Christ, as the glory of the only begotten of the Father.

FIND UNDERSTANDING IN YOUR STORMS

syníēmi (from *sýn*, "together with" and *hiēmi*, "put, send") – properly, *put together*, i.e. join facts (ideas) into a *comprehensive* (inter-locking) whole; *synthesize*.

("put facts together") means to arrive at a *summary* or final understanding (complete with *life-applications*).

Accordingly, 4920 (*syníēmi*) is closely connected with discerning and doing "*the preferred-will of God*" (*thélēma*).

Eph 5:17: "*So then do not be foolish but understand (syníēmi) what the preferred-will (thélēma) of the Lord is.*"

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