

# Who Then Is This?

Luke: All Things New



## Series Goal

That Mercy Hill Church would be made new as we follow the One who is making all things new!



## Sermon Text

Luke 8:22-25



## Big Idea

Jesus leads us into the whirlwind to disclose things to us about Himself and help us align our hearts and lives to His truth.

### (1) Whirlwind

**(1) Jesus Ordains the Whirlwind**—Jesus not only checks the weather, He ordains the weather. He knows the storm is coming . . . and He leads their little boat straight into it.

**(2) Jesus Sleeps through the Whirlwind**—The point is not that Jesus is a deep sleeper. The point is that Jesus is in control—so in control that He can sleep through the very things that awaken and terrify us. He’s not worried about it. He has authority over it.

### (2) Disclosure

He takes His disciples into the whirlwind to show them something about Himself. There are things that we see of God in the whirlwind that we could never see in the calm. In the whirlwind, our eyes are cleared of self-importance, of vainglory, and we are readied to behold something of God!

The disciples do right here, and we need to learn from them. Yes, they are awake in fear when they could be sleeping in trust, but at least they go to the right place with their fears: “they went and woke him” (v. 24). Brother/sister, if you are in the whirlwind, don’t merely self-talk or self-soothe . . . make a psalm!

When you make a psalm in your heart to God, you ready your soul for disclosure—to behold something of the majesty of God. In the case of these disciples, because they came to Jesus with their fears, they were granted a glimpse of His glory. To be more specific: They were shown, in not so uncertain terms, that Jesus is God.

### (3) Alignment

“Where is your faith?” (v. 25). Our hearts and lives can get out of alignment. We have these things we know about God, things He’s already disclosed to us about Himself, but our hearts and lives don’t seem to follow. Something still pulls us off into anxiety or condemnation or pride. We’re still veering off the road. We need to give ourselves to repentance and faith. Jesus is here to help.

## Reflection Questions



- Do you have anything keeping you up at night these days? Is there anything that often causes you to lose sleep? How does this story offer help to you in that place?
- Describe a time when God used a whirlwind in your life to disclose to you something glorious about Himself.
- Are you a self-talker or a psalm-maker? How have you been talking to yourself lately? How would turning your thoughts outward to God like a psalmist make a difference in your heart and life?
- What would your week look like if your heart and life was aligned with the truths this text reveals to us about Jesus?