

What's happening around us...

There is a Virus call Covid-19, or Corona Virus.

And because we are trying to reduce the amount of people who might be affected by it we have to stay away from all the usual places we go. School, sports clubs, parks, our friends and even our family - even though they might live just a few doors down from us!

But also we see people scared, not sure what's going to happen, we see that there are lots of people affected, we see and hear about death. People are getting very ill and even dying from this illness.

We don't know how or when it's going to end?

But I think most of us will be scared, and worried at what is going on.

Lets look at a true story on the bible when we see some of Jesus' closest friends get scared too...

Read Mark 4:35-41.

Jesus' friends were in a boat when a big storm came up.
Big waves crashed against the boat, so much that the disciples were very afraid, so afraid that they thought that they might die...

Some of them were fishermen, who would usually been very brave and used to stormy waters, so we know this must have been bad...

But where was Jesus?
Vs 38. He was asleep...

Jesus was a human being. Just like us. So after a long day teaching, he was tired.

Jesus when he came to earth set aside his glory and position as the king of heaven and became a human being.

That is an amazing demonstration of his love for us...

But what do the disciples do? The disciples panicked. They see the danger that they might drown.

Perhaps they simply didn't know him well enough yet...

We can read though as we have done over the last few weeks over easter, how Jesus shared in our humanity so that he could die in our place, so that by his death he might break the power of death.

Jesus came to overcome the thing that everyone will fear... death.

The disciples were afraid of death here.

So the disciples come up to him... and say "Teacher"... don't you care if we drown...

I wonder why they call him teacher.?
If you needed rescuing would you call on your maths teacher to help you?

Not really, unless your maths teacher is really a super hero...

Jesus is more than a teacher.

That's why they wake him... They knew he would be able to do something...

But I don't think they were expecting what Jesus did next.

Jesus got up, rebuked the wind, and said to the waves... "*Quiet, be still*"...

Then all was calm...

The forces of nature obey the creator.

It clearly shows that Jesus is the God, who created and keeps the universe going.

Jesus doesn't wake up... see the danger and shout: "*abandon ship... every man for themselves...*"

Jesus does not get up dive into the water and swim away.

He gets up and calms the storm...

He was with them.

The truth that we can remember at this time is that Jesus *is in* control of the universe.

Because he is in control, how can anything we face be beyond him.

How would you feel if you saw a raging storm be stilled in front of you?

Look at vs 41. The disciples were terrified.

But they ask a very important question"

They ask: "who is this man, that even the wind and the waves obey him"

Who do you think Jesus is?

Here it is clear. Jesus is God.

The apostle Paul says in Galatians 2:20.

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

This verse tells us that Jesus went through death so that we could have the promise of life.

He came so that the thing we fear most, death itself, could be broken. Because of this we can trust in him and that he will be with us!

Jesus' love for you, means that he gave himself, all of himself to us...

He gives us his life, so that it becomes our life...

That doesn't mean we won't die. But it means that we don't have to fear it. Jesus went through the most terrible death but he did it so he could carry us through it, safely over to the other side.

Jesus suffered and died, but he rose again. Death itself is defeated...

He died that we might be forgiven.

He died to make us good with God; That we might go at last to Heaven

Here is the big question for us:

Do we know and trust in Jesus?

Do we trust him to rescue us? Not just from the corona virus, but from anything we might face in our lives? From sin that keeps us from God?

Do you trust in Jesus?

The promise is that if we believe in Jesus his future becomes our future.

That his Father would become our father.

That he will move us from fear, to peace.

When the storm came up, the disciples in vs 38 went to Jesus and asked out for his help.

Perhaps when we are seeing the affects of Corona virus we would run to Jesus and ask” Lord Save Us!!

And here is the truth... He has!

He has saved us from the worst Corona could ever throw at us!
He has saved us even from death.

You might find everything very difficult at the moment. And that’s because it is hard and your parents and those who look after you won’t be finding it easy.

But if you trust and believe in Jesus, he is with you and promises that in his own way he will make everything right.

We can trust in Jesus because we see his mighty power here when he calmed the storm, showing us that he really is the Lord over everything.

Song Suggestion: In Christ by Awesome Cutlery