Insights from Luke

#26: "When Sea Billows Wail, It is Still Well With My Soul" Luke 8:22-25

Luke 8:22-23

"22 Now on one of those days Jesus and His disciples got into a boat, and He said to them, 'Let us go over to the other side of the lake.' So they launched out. ²³ But as they were sailing along He fell asleep; and a fierce gale of wind descended on the lake, and they began to be swamped and to be in danger."

Matthew 8:24

"24 And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being covered with the waves; but Jesus Himself was asleep."

Luke 8:24

"24 They came to Jesus and woke Him up, saying, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And He got up and rebuked the wind and the surging waves, and they stopped, and it became calm."

Psalm 69:1, 15

"1 Save me, O God, For the waters have threatened my life."

"15 May the flood of water not overflow me Nor the deep swallow me up, Nor the pit shut its mouth on me."

Jonah 2:3

"³ For You had cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, And the current engulfed me. All Your breakers and billows passed over me."

Matthew -- "Lord."

Mark -- "Teacher."

Luke -- "Master, Master."

Psalm 65:5-7

"5 By awesome deeds You answer us in righteousness, O God of our salvation, You who are the trust of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest sea; 6 Who establishes the mountains by His strength, Being girded with might; 7 Who stills the roaring of the seas, The roaring of their waves, And the tumult of the peoples."

Psalm 89:9

"9 You rule the swelling of the sea; When its waves rise, You still them."

Luke 8:25

"25 And He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were fearful and amazed, saying to one another, 'Who then is this, that He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey Him?"

"The storm did not wake Jesus, but the unbelief of his disciples sure did."

"They were very much afraid."

We all know similar turbulent waters as those of the Sea of Galilee because of oceans of personal anxiety. When faced with the swamping over from anxiety, go to Jesus.

Going to Jesus means going to the Word through prayer while looking to the church for wisdom, admonishment and comfort.

"Faith comes by thinking and thinking my own thoughts." or "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God." (Romans 10:17)

Here are three reasons to trust God when faced with stormy gales.

An encounter with the holiness of God always reminds us to lift our eyes upward.