

# “What Manner of Man Is This . . . ?”

Matt. 8:23-27

## Introduction:

- A. The occasion for this question – had just seen Jesus stop a storm!
  - 1. Knew he was extraordinary.
  - 2. Did they know yet how extraordinary?
- B. What do we really know of Him whose name we wear?
  - 1. Homer Hailey’s remark to a young preacher.
  - 2. Do we know more of the plan than the man? Vice-versa?
- C. He is the man that must be preached (1 Cor. 2:2)
  - 1. His *position* to prove He is worthy of our faith. (John 30:30-31)
  - 2. His *life* to show us a pattern to follow. (1 Pet. 2:21)
  - 3. His *doctrine* to be preached and obeyed. (2 John 9).
- D. Jesus had three *traits* that help us understand the answer to the disciples’ question:

## Discussion:

### I. A Man Of Sorrows (Isa. 53:3)

- A. He knew poverty (Matt. 8:19-20).
- B. He knew rejection (Isa. 53:3; John 1:11)
  - 1. From his own race – Jews (John 1:11; 7:1).
  - 2. From his own brothers (John 7:5; cf. Acts 1:14)
  - 3. From his own neighbors (Matt. 13:53-58).
  - 4. From some of his own followers (John 6:66-67).
- C. He knew pain, suffering and death.
  - 1. He touched by it in others. (John 11:33-38)
  - 2. He experience it in himself (Matt. 26:59-61; 27:38).
- D. He endured in all for us!

### II. A Man Of Balanced Character

- A. A man of compassion and firmness
  - 1. Compassion – (Matt. 14:14; His advent, life, and death)
  - 2. Firmness – (Matt. 23; money changers, etc.)
- B. A man of authority and humility (cf. Heb. 5:8,9; Phil. 2:1-11)
- C. A man of narrow and broad mindedness.
  - 1. Narrow – (Matt. 7:13,14; John 14:6).
  - 2. Broad - (Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:15)
- D. A man of strictness and looseness.
  - 1. More strict than Pharisees in some things (Matt 5:17-20).
  - 2. Less strict than Pharisees in other things – human tradition.

### III. A Man Approved Of God (Acts 2:22)

- A. Demonstrated by miracles (cf. John 20:20,21)
- B. Demonstrated by prophecy. (Acts 2:25-35; 8:32,33)
- C. Demonstrated by exaltation. (Acts 2:33)
  - 1. To High priesthood. (Heb. 7:17).
  - 2. To King / Head (Rev. 19:16; Eph. 1:22-23)
  - 3. To judge. (Acts 17:31)

## Conclusion:

- A. This man can not only stop a storm.
- B. This man can save your soul and take you to heaven.