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## MATTHEW 8:23-27

What sort of Man is this?

This morning we will examine 3 aspects of the text to answer this question:

First Reading - Jesus has authority over the natural world.

**TRUTH:** Jesus has authority over illness, disability, death, and even nature.

Our response: We must learn to stop looking at our "reasons why we are scared" and start trusting the "Who is in the boat."

Second Reading - Jesus has authority to grant salvation.

**TRUTH:** Jesus has authority to rebuke spiritual chaos and bring godly serenity.

Our Response: We take time to marvel at His power and ask God to increase our faith.

Third Reading - Jesus has authority to preserve the church.

**TRUTH:** The early church viewed this passage as an allegory to describe Jesus' preservation of the church during persecution.

Our Response: We affirm that the power of the church resides in Christ not the people in the boat (church) with him.

HHBC Easter Strategy Reminder:

- 1. Worship.
- 2. Pray intentionally. (Easter prayer service: Tuesday at 6 p.m.)
- 3. Memorize scripture–Matthew 16:15-16.
- 4. Invite and bear witness.