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DOES JESUS CARE? *19/12/18*

Scripture Mark 4:36-41  
I Peter 5:7 *19/12/18*

Introduction *19/12/18*

How many times in periods of duress and strain have you been made to wonder, "Does anyone care what happens to me?" So often we become so downcast and depressed that we begin to think that there is no one to care for us. *19/12/18*

There is a danger in feeling this way, for at a time like this we can begin to question even whether our God and Savior cares for us. This was the situation which the disciples faced, and the conditions caused them to doubt whether Jesus actually cared for them.

I. The question—Does Jesus Care?

A. Faith—God's ally; Doubt—God's enemy

1. Faith makes things look brighter
2. Doubt makes hope more obscure

B. The account

1. Jesus needed a time of retirement
2. Entering into the ship
3. Multitude left behind
4. Christ asleep
5. Storm arises
6. Disciples lose all hope
  - a. Four were experienced seamen
  - b. Human methods failed

C. The doubt-bred question

Master, carest thou not that we perish?

Mark 4:38

1. Ship was full of water
2. Faith disappeared
3. Don't you even care if we perish?

JOHN ONE - No one ever cared for me like Jesus

In times of discouragement when everything seems futile, the Spirit says, "Well, Preach Christ."

II. The answer—He cares for you  
Casting all your cares upon him; for  
he careth for you.

I Peter 5:7

A. He cares for the physical

1. The tempest

And he arose, and rebuked the wind,  
and said unto the sea, Peace, be still.  
And the wind ceased, and there was a  
great calm.

Mark 4:39

a. Christ was waiting for opportunity  
to help

b. Help was instantaneous

And (immediately) there was a  
great calm (a perfect peacefulness)

Mark 4:39 (Amplified)

2. The leper (Matthew 8:2-3)

a. His one doubt—If thou wilt....

1. Was Christ willing

2. Did he desire to help

b. His faith—Thou canst make me clean.

c. Christ's desire—I will...

d. Christ's work—Be thou clean

e. Leper's reward—And immediately  
his leprosy was cleansed.

3. Lame man at pool of Bethesda (John 5)

a. Had infirmity for 38 years

b. No one cared enough to help him

c. Jesus cared

d. Man made whole

B. He cares for the spiritual

For God sent not his son into the world  
to condemn the world, but that the world  
through him might be saved.

John 3:17

It was not enough for Christ to care for  
the physical needs of men. Man's greatest  
need was in the realm of the spiritual

BETHESDA  
MEANS HOUSE  
OF MERCY

II. The answer—He cares for you

B. He cares for the spiritual

1. The demoniac of Gadara *MARK 5*
  - a. His dwelling place--the tombs
  - b. Bound by Satanic power
    1. Bound by chains by men
    2. Could break chains
    3. Could not break Satan's hold
  - c. Christ's power recognized
    1. Demons knew him
    2. Desired that he go away
  - d. Man needed peace
  - e. Christ delivered from Satan
  - f. Man found **Clothed and in his right mind**

2. Thief on the Cross

- a. A sinful man
- b. His faith
- c. His request for remembrance
- d. His request granted

**Today shalt thou be with me  
in paradise.**

3.

**Luke 23:43**

3. **And whosoever will let him take  
the water of life freely.**

**Revelation 22:17**

4. **God For the infant church**