Disciples of Jesus

* Jesus was teaching a large crowd … the disciples separated themselves from the crowd
* “Save us Lord, for we are persishing”
* Recognized the great authority of Jesus – who even the wind and the seas obey

Afraid

* Disciples worried that they’re going to drown
* Jesus isn’t helping … he’s asleep!
* They are too anxious to trust Jesus

Storm

* The Sea of Galilee was known to have storms … this was worse than usual … Greek suggests a great shaking, like an earthquake
* Storms symbolize the chaos out of which God created order when he created the heavens and the earth
* Jesus calming the storm would make the people think of him the same way they thought of God in creation

Jesus

* Why are you so afraid?
* He rebuked – yelled at – the wind and the waves producing a great calm.
* He had the same authority that God did … he has the power of the creator

Sea of Galilee

* Second lowest lake on the Earth … and the lowest freshwater lake on the Earth
* It’s about 8 miles wide and 13 miles long … would have taken about 2 hours to cross, depending on the wind
* It’s in northeast Israel and separates territory of Galilee from the Decapolis (non-Jewish territory)

Fishing Boat

* From earliest times: boat represents the Church
* May have been 25-30 feet long
* Made of wood – probably cedar