



# JOURNEY with JESUS

## **Lesson Six – Cruising Peacefully** **Matthew 8:18-27, Matthew 14:22-36**

Sometimes we feel things are going great in our lives. Everything is working out the way it should, things are calm, peace is in our lives. And then BOOM, things change suddenly. The peace becomes strife. The calm becomes stormy. And we cry out for help. The same thing happened to Jesus' disciples, not once, but twice during Jesus' time on earth. The next stop on our *Journey with Jesus* takes us on a couple of boating expeditions with Jesus and his disciples, when we will see what it means to be *Cruising Peacefully*.

1. The Sea of Galilee was known for sudden \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Jesus said the men had little \_\_\_\_\_ because they were so afraid.
3. Once Jesus rebuked the winds and the waves, the sea was completely \_\_\_\_\_.
4. In the two stories today, there were both physical and spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.
5. In addition to Jesus, \_\_\_\_\_ also walked on the water.
6. Jesus asked him, "Why did you \_\_\_\_\_?"

### **Personal Study:**

1. Read James 1:2-8. What does it say about "doubt" in the life of Christians? How does the doubt in our stories today relate to the doubt that James talks about? How does it differ?
2. Think about the most recent "storm" in your life? How did you respond? What has happened with your faith since that storm? How can you apply the lessons learned today to the storms in your life?
3. Memorize Matthew 14:27b.

### **Next Time:**

Have you ever wondered about God's timing? Two sisters certainly wondered about the timing of Jesus when they called him for help. In our *Journey with Jesus* next time, we will see Mary and Martha send for help from Jesus because of their sick brother Lazarus. However, Jesus doesn't go immediately and Lazarus ends up dying. And then, he takes his time in *Walking to the Tomb*. But the end of the story is not as tragic as it may sound. In fact, Jesus and his timing turn a tragic event into a wonderful event that glorifies God and strengthens the faith of Jesus' disciples.