

**Greek Readings**  
**Series B, Proper 7**  
**Mark 4:35-41**

• **Verse 35**

- ὡψίας γενομένης. Explain the case usage of this phrase (see Voelz, Concordia Commentary, 169). \_\_\_\_\_.
- What is the significance of evening (see 1:32)? \_\_\_\_\_.
- Parse διέλθωμεν. \_\_\_\_\_. What type of subjunctive is this? \_\_\_\_\_.
- What part of speech is πέραν? \_\_\_\_\_.

• **Verse 36**

- Parse ἀφέντες. \_\_\_\_\_. Give the six principal parts. \_\_\_\_\_.
- “Boat” (πλοῖον –ου, n.) is used quite often in this gospel (see Mk 1:19,20; 4:4,36,37; 5:2,18,21; 6:32,45,47,51; 8:10,14) What theological meaning might “boat” possess in this passage? Explain. \_\_\_\_\_.

• **Verse 37**

- Give the BDAG entry for λαῖλαψ. \_\_\_\_\_.
- What is the subject of ἐπέβαλλεν? \_\_\_\_\_.
- Parse κύματα. \_\_\_\_\_. Now translate κλυδωνιζομένοι καὶ περιφερόμενα παντὶ ἀνέμῳ τῆς διδασκαλίας . . . , (Eph. 4:14). Might Mark’s “billows” have theological significance? Explain your answer. \_\_\_\_\_.
- Parse γεμίζεσθαι. \_\_\_\_\_. What is the root form? (Note it has a use specifically for a ship, therefore water need not be mentioned in connection here) \_\_\_\_\_.

• **Verse 38**

- What is the referent for αὐτός? \_\_\_\_\_. How far back in the text do you need to go for the proper name? \_\_\_\_\_.
- What is the opposite part of a ship from the πρύμνα (Acts 27:41)? \_\_\_\_\_.
- What is the subject of μέλει? (see Wallace 453) \_\_\_\_\_.
- Why do the disciples address Jesus as “Teacher” at this precise moment (cf. 1:22, 27)? \_\_\_\_\_. But the word in the vocative occurs often in Mark’s gospel (4:38; 5:35; 9:17,38; 10:17,20,35; 12:14 etc). What aspect of Jesus’ person is Mark trying to suggest by this use of “O Teacher”? \_\_\_\_\_.
- Is the verb ἀπολλύμεθα “we are perishing” exclusive (just the 12) or inclusive (Jesus and the 12) on the part of the speaker (see Wallace 399)? \_\_\_\_\_. Translate with each possibility. \_\_\_\_\_.
- How is the second half of the verse a statement of faith on the part of the disciples? \_\_\_\_\_.
- Explain the significance of the disciples’ request of Jesus with LXX Psalm 106:28-29 (MT/ET 107:28-29): \_\_\_\_\_.

• **Verse 39**

- What is the theological significance of Jesus rebuking (ἐπιτιμάω) the winds (LXX Psalm 105:9 (MT/ET 106:9)? \_\_\_\_\_.
- What is the exorcistic nuance of ἐπιτιμάω (see 1:23-26)? \_\_\_\_\_.
- Parse the rare construction πεφίμωσο. \_\_\_\_\_. What is the force of the \_\_\_\_\_.

verb in translation (see Wallace 440)? \_\_\_\_\_.

- Whom does Jesus address with the above verb in 1:25? \_\_\_\_\_.
- Read 2 Maccabees 9:8. How does this verse help us to argue for early Jewish Christians affirming the divinity of Christ? \_\_\_\_\_.
- How reliable are Jesus' words (see 16:7)? \_\_\_\_\_.

- **Verse 40**
  - What is the theological significance of the word δειλοί for readers (Revelation 21:8)? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Explain how we are moved from seeing Jesus as the example of faith (v. 38 compared with Psalm 3:5; 4:8 and Proverbs 3:24) to seeing Jesus as the object of faith in v 40. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - What is Jesus' tone when he says, "Do you not have faith?" \_\_\_\_\_. Does this rebuke pertain in any way to the people to whom we preach today? \_\_\_\_\_. Explain. \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Verse 41**
  - φόβον μέγαν is a cognate accusative (see Wallace 190). Explain the construction. \_\_\_\_\_. Translate the verbal aspect of the noun (see Young 18). \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Give the BDAG entry for ἄρα. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Why do the disciples fear Jesus' mastery over the θάλασσα? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ὑπακούει – What is the root verb? \_\_\_\_\_. What is the significance of the present tense? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - What is the connection between wondering at the kingdom of God and wondering at Jesus' identity (compare 1:27 with this verse) in Mark's Gospel? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - How is the passage structured around the three instances of the word μέγας (37, 39, 41)? \_\_\_\_\_.

### Integration of Meaning

Come up with a sermon title and two to three supporting points.