

CHAPEL, February 23, 1933

-- President Wright

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Scripture lesson: Mark, Fourth Chapter, Verses 35-45

We have quite an interesting lesson this morning. It is another one of those mysterious things I do not know how to explain, but there are some things in it I want to call to your attention. Jesus had had a tremendously busy day's work. A multitude of people had followed Him down, <sup>to the seashore</sup> so He went into a boat--it is called a ship, but there were no ships as we have them today at that time--and Jesus sat down in that boat and taught these people, taught them in parables; and He was busy until practically the end of the day, and then those who were with Him pulled off from the shore and went to the other side. Jesus was just like you and I in a lot of things. He had a physical body and He got tired just as you and I do, and was physically exhausted at the end of that day. He went down into the boat and lay down on a mat and went to sleep; so sound asleep that He didn't awaken when one of those storms that is not unusual on this lake swept down; and it looked like the boat would be destroyed. Someone thought of Jesus and went around to look for Him, and found Him sound asleep. He was awakened and they said, Do you not care that we perish? He had been doing wonderful things in their sight. Then He rebuked the waves; the wind ceased and the waves stopped. Then he asked them, where is your faith?

Jesus got tired just as you and I. He reached the point of physical exhaustion just as you and I, and He slept soundly. A lot of people seem to think Jehovah sleeps, and that there are times in one's life when He can't be awakened, but that isn't true. Jesus, as a man, slept. He had practically every experience known to humanity. He knows how to sympathize with us when we have a hard day, and it looks like we can't carry on any further. He wanted to get away from the folks He was with; He went down into the boat and went to sleep. I have never heard a sermon preached on this, but you and I know Jesus has a sympathetic feeling

for us in our trials and temptations, when we are worked down and tired out. We know that he sympathizes with us in our physical weaknesses as well as our spiritual needs.