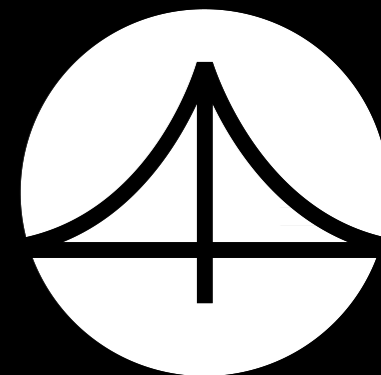


Luke: Savior in the Storm

Luke 8:22-25

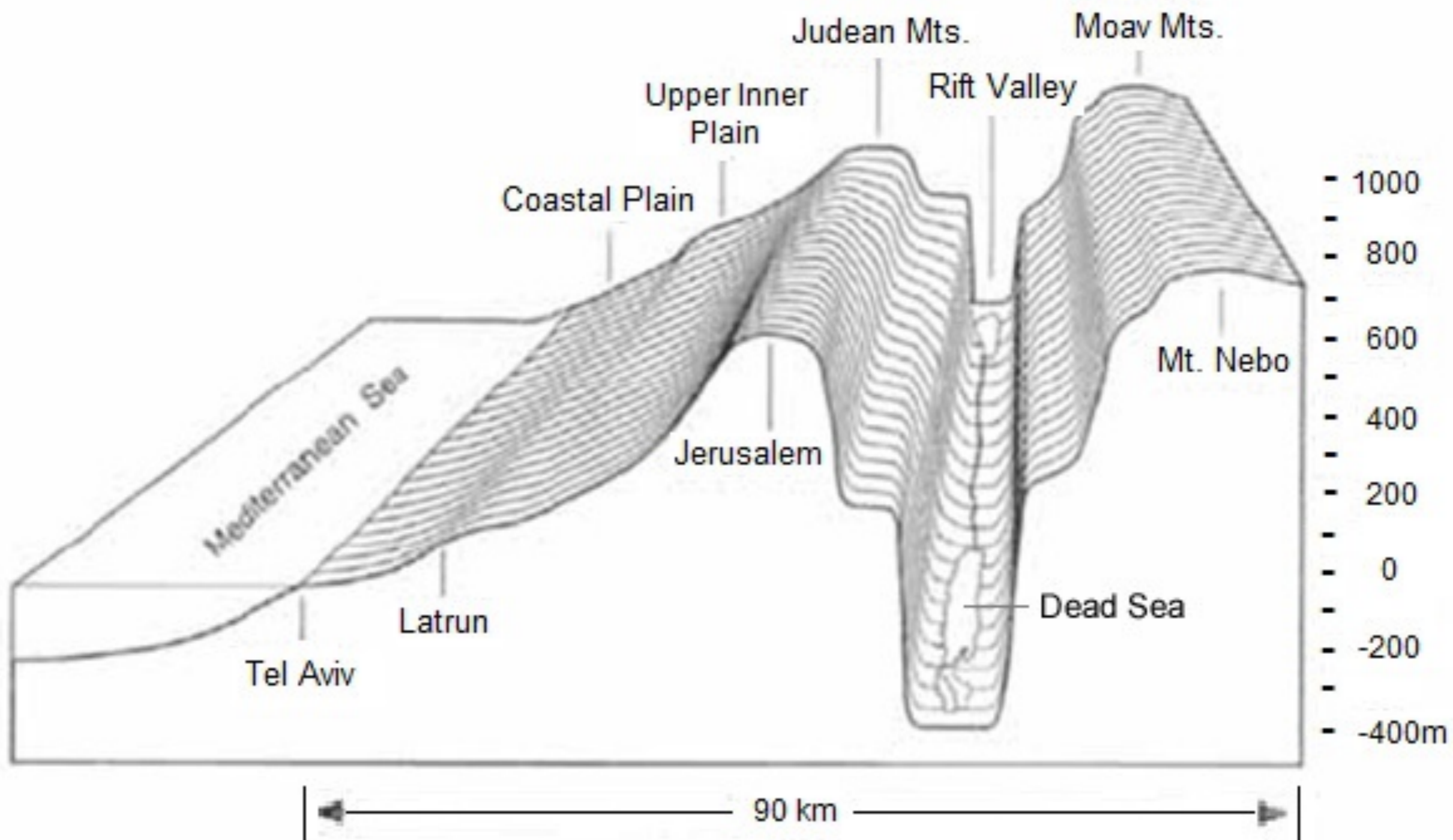


**Jesus invites us to place
our faith in Him.**

- 1. Real Danger**
- 2. Regal Rebukes**
- 3. Ruffled Disciples**

Real Danger

Luke 8:22-25



Real Danger

- The disciples wake Jesus because their lives are in danger
- When are the times that you feel in danger?
- Facing storms in life doesn't mean God has abandoned you

“This picture [of the disciples waking Jesus] goes to our hearts, because everyone who’s ever tried to live a life of faith in this world has felt like this sometimes. Everything is going wrong, you’re sinking, and God seems to be asleep, absent, or unaware. If you loved us, the disciples were saying, you wouldn’t let us go through this.”

– Tim Keller

Real Danger

- The disciples wake Jesus because their lives are in danger
- When are the times that you feel in danger?
- Facing storms in life doesn't mean God has abandoned you
- If we believe our storms are more powerful than Jesus, we won't go to Him as a Savior

Regal Rebukes

- First, He rebukes the weather - and it listens and obeys
- Second, He rebukes the disciples for their lack of faith

Regal Rebukes

1. We can go to Jesus in the middle of any storm, because He's strong enough to handle it
2. Coming to Jesus means giving Him control of the situation
 - By trusting Him to work in the situation in ways that are best for us, even if they're not what we want
3. Coming to Jesus means giving Him control of ourselves in the midst of the situation

“Jesus... challenges their lack of faith in him. They wanted someone to help bail, a partner. They didn’t expect someone who could master the whole situation. They would just as soon not have that much help with their lives. Jesus has a way of taking control of every life he is invited into. Following Jesus means losing control.”

– Paul Miller

Ruffled Disciples

- Their response to the miracle is fear
- Their question: Who then is this?
- How is Jesus able to command the storm and have it obey?
 - By bearing the storm of God's wrath on the cross
- How do we respond to Him?
 - With faith

“Faith ultimately is not a virtue; it’s a gift. If you want to believe but can’t, stop looking inside; go to Jesus and say, ‘Help me believe... I’ve been trying to work it out by reasoning and thinking and meditating and going to church in hopes that a sermon will move me—I’ve been trying to get faith by myself. Now I see that you’re the source of faith. Please give it to me.’”

– Tim Keller

“Faith is not some kind of spiritual energy. It’s realizing that we don’t have the resources for living. It’s... saying, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner. I can’t do life on my own anymore.’”

– *Paul Miller*

“The disciples didn’t put their faith in Jesus all at once. They went through a series of stages, almost like falling in love. Every time they thought they had Jesus figured out, he’d break out of their mold.”

– Paul Miller