

November 8th, Who's In Charge
Part 5 in the series 'The Human Race'

What do you remember from last Sunday's message?

What were some things that resonated with you?

Was there anything you wrestled with?

In last Sunday's message, Jim talked about the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion. From a purely human perspective, who appeared to be in charge?

Answers: Caiaphas the High Priest, Annas, Pontius Pilate, Herod, the crowd...

Who is really in charge, and how do we know?

READ Mark 4:35-41

35 That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." **36** Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. **37** A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. **38** Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

39 He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

40 He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

41 They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

How far does Jesus' authority reach?

If we believe that God is really the one in charge, why do we sometimes (or often) act like that is not the case?

How does believing that God is ultimately in charge affect how we see the past, present and future?

What happens when we put our faith, hope and trust in someone or something other than God?

READ Galatians 3:28

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

What does it mean, that we are all one in Christ Jesus?

READ Romans 8:38-39

38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, **39** neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

How does understanding this truth about God's love allow us to live differently than the world?