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- Al the albatross** Hi there! My name is Al. Have I got a story for you, if you've got the time. You see I was flying around recently (quite like usual) when I saw this group of men getting into a boat. Nothing interesting about that, many times men go fishing, but this was more than just an ordinary fishing expedition.
- Peter** Come on guys. Let's go out into the water. Who wants to go fishing?
- James** Yeah, that's an great idea!
- John** I agree.
- Disciples** Let's go.
- Peter** Teacher, after you.
- Al** They went out for a while, but pretty soon the weather turned really nasty. I mean, it was grim. I couldn't even fly at all. I had to land and wait for it to calm down. I really didn't expect that to happen! The day was clear before, and then suddenly it was stormy!
- Disciples** Aaaahhhh!!!! We're going to die!
- Judas Iscariot** We're dead! We're alive, but we're dead!
- Andrew** I'm going to get Jesus! Maybe he can help!
- Thomas** He's not even a fisherman!
- Andrew** I'm still going to him!
- Thomas** I'm coming too!
- Andrew** Jesus! Jesus! Save us Lord, we're going to drown!
- Jesus** Wha-! Huh?! What is it?
- Andrew** There's a really bad storm right now. Couldn't you hear it?!
- Thomas** Can't you feel it?!
- Jesus** <sigh> Why are you so afraid? Your faith is so small....
- Andrew, Thomas** Huh?
- Jesus** Come on.
- Disciples** Aaaaahhhh!!!!!!
- Judas Iscariot** We're deeeaaaaddd!!!
- Jesus** Enough!! Guys! Chill! Killing just isn't in my will. <ahem> Listen to me, O wind. Hear me, O sea. Enough. You are finished.



Al And with that command, the storm stopped. I mean it! This person- this, man. He talked to the weather, and the weather actually listened to him!

James What....the....

Philip Uh....

Bartholomew How....

Simon Peter I knew it.

Thomas You....You just spoke to the sea. The sea. You-

Jesus If you all don't mind, I'm going to go back to sleep.

John Oh, please teacher. We're sorry to have bothered you.

James What sort of man can talk to the wind and sea, and it actually mean anything!?

Philip Yeah, I mean, I've talked to things before too, but they didn't do anything...Who is Jesus?

Bartholomew That was amazing.

Al I'm telling you that what I saw was amazing! I've never, ever seen anything before or since. It was extraordinary! So I decided I would follow this guy. I didn't know who he was yet, but I knew what I saw, and this man was special. After they fished for a while longer, they landed on the other side of the water.

Demon-possessed guys Aaaaarrrrggggghhhhh!!!!

Disciples Aaaaaahhhhhh!!!!

Jesus Guys, really...Come on. Can you not be so afraid all the time?

Peter Right. Uh...sorry.

DP 1 What do you want with us O Son of God!?

DP 2 Have you come to torment us before its time?

John what are they talking about?

Jesus You need to leave these men. Now

DP 1 If you send us out, can you at least cast us into those pigs over there?

Jesus Go.

Al I heard the whole thing. These two guys were talking to this guy like they were crazy. They called him Son of God! That's not something I've ever heard any man be called before. When he told them to go, the two crazy guys became calm and a herd of pigs that was nearby start-ed acting crazy! Then every single pig ran down the bank of the water and drowned! I mean, what!?

Al It was super strange! Jesus is different than anyone I've ever seen. Really, really different.

Jesus How do you feel?

DP 1 I...I don't know how to thank you. My Lord. Thank you!

DP 2 Thank you! Thank you!

"The disciples were amazed. They asked, 'What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!'

Matthew 8:27 NlrV

