



The Gospel of Matthew

“Walking on the Water”

Matthew 14:22-36

And immediately He made the disciples get into the boat, and go ahead of Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

And after He had sent the multitudes away, He went up to the mountain by Himself to pray, and when it was evening, He was there alone.

But the boat was already many stadia away from the land, battered by the waves; for the wind was contrary.

And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea.

And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were frightened, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out for fear.

But immediately Jesus spoke to them saying, “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.”

And Peter answered Him and said, “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.”

And He said, “Come!” And Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water and came toward Jesus.

But seeing the wind, he became afraid, and beginning to sink, he cried out, saying, “Lord save me!”

And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

And when they got into the boat, the wind stopped.

And those who were in the boat worshiped Him, saying, “You are certainly God’s Son!”

Matthews 14:22-33



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1. Jesus walking on the water

A. The identity of Jesus

- he has authority over nature in a direct, unique way
- reveals his unique identity as the Son of God, “Immanuel”



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B. The presence of Jesus

- in the face of difficulty his miraculous presence comforts and provides for us
- illustrates the preciousness of the promise that He will be with us always (28:20)



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2. Peter's attempted walk on the water

Q: *was this rashness or great faith?*

- Peter's action stemmed from affection for Jesus built on confident faith
- Peter desired to experience the supernatural power of Jesus over danger



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➤ *Lessons*

- (1) Jesus calls us to trust His word over our perceptions and circumstances



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- (2) Jesus invites us into faith-trying, faith-building experiences



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- (3) Doubts and fears arise when our focus shifts from God's word onto our circumstances



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- (4) When we doubt, the Lord graciously lets us sink to help us refocus