

# Walk on Water

## Matthew 14:22-36

<sup>22</sup> Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>23</sup> After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

<sup>25</sup> During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. <sup>26</sup> When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." <sup>28</sup> "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup> "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup> Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup> And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. <sup>33</sup> Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

<sup>34</sup> When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret. <sup>35</sup> And when the men of that place recognized Jesus, they sent word to all the surrounding country. People brought all their sick to him <sup>36</sup> and begged him to let the sick just touch the edge of his cloak, and all who touched him were healed.

## The ministry agenda of Jesus

### ▶ A miraculous supper

<sup>22</sup> Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd.

### ▶ A mountainside slipaway

<sup>23</sup> After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,

### ▶ A ministry schedule

<sup>22</sup> Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of him to the other side,

### ▶ A major struggle at sea

<sup>23</sup> When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

## The mighty authority of Jesus

### ▶ Consider the dramatic dominion of Jesus

#### Supernatural strolling authority

<sup>25</sup> During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake.

#### Sheer astonishment

<sup>26</sup> When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

#### Settling assurances

<sup>27</sup> But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

### ▶ Consider the daring disciple of Jesus

#### Peter's daring faith

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#### Peter's distracted focus

<sup>30</sup> But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

#### Peter's divine rescue

<sup>31</sup> Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

## The messianic affirmation of Jesus

### ▶ Jesus was present and powerful in the boat

<sup>32</sup> And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down."

### ▶ Jesus was praised and proclaimed in the boat

<sup>33</sup> Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

## More ministry awaiting for Jesus

### ▶ They crossed over

<sup>34</sup> When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret.

### ▶ They continued onward

<sup>35</sup> And when the men of that place recognized Jesus, they sent word to all the surrounding country. People brought all their sick to him <sup>36</sup> and begged him to let the sick just touch the edge of his cloak, and all who touched him were healed.

1. As believers who travel regularly with Jesus, we are always moving from one ministry to the next — so maintain your ministry mindset.
2. When storms arise, Jesus is not surprised — so recognize that he is watching you, walking with you, and working with you.
3. When a miraculous intervention is needed, fresh faith is needed — so refresh your faith regularly by remembering his faithfulness.
4. When the Lord calls you to step out of your comfort zone, focusing on him is absolutely critical — so keep your eyes fixed on Jesus.