

Jesus Walks on Water—Part 2

Matthew 14:22-36

I. Peter's Big Faith (vs. 28-29)

- a. Although both Mark and John describe Jesus' walking on the water, only Matthew records Peter walk on the water too (cf. Mark 6:45-51; John 6:15-21)
- b. Verse 28 is a first-class conditional sentence, meaning it is assumed to be true. Therefore we could translate it "***Since, it is You!***"
 - i. Peter is not questioning or testing Jesus, he simply wants to be with Him! (cf. Matt. 10:1, 8)
 - ii. At that moment Peter apparently believed that he could accomplish anything through Jesus (cf. Phil. 4:13)
- c. Jesus responds with "***Come!***" confirming that Peter was not being arrogant or prideful, but instead faithful.
- d. People like to focus on the next verse where he doubts and sinks but remember only 2 people ever walked on water: Jesus and Peter!

II. Peter's Little Faith (vs. 30-31)

- a. Peter took his eyes off of Jesus and was frightened by the storm
 - i. He did not abide or remain in Jesus (cf. John 15:4-5)
- b. He doubted but he still trusted in Jesus, so ***he cried out, "Lord, save me!"***
- c. ***little faith*** is a recurring theme in Matthew (cf. Matt. 6:30; 8:26; 16:8; Luke 12:28)
- d. ***doubt = distazō (δισταζω)*** = "to think that something may not be true or certain" infers having a divided allegiance (cf. James 1:6-8; Matt. 6:24)

III. Jesus is Certainly God's Son (vs. 32-33)

- a. The wind stopped is a very similar miracle to the one Matthew 8 but it only caused the disciples to be "amazed" (cf. Matt. 8:23-27)
 - i. For the first time Jesus' disciples ***worshiped Him = proskyneō (προσκυνέω)*** = "worship, prostrate oneself before, kneel down before as an act of reverence"
 1. The Magi worshiped Jesus (cf. Matt. 2:11)
 2. A leper worshiped Jesus (cf. Matt. 8:2)
 3. Jairus a synagogue ruler worshiped Jesus (cf. Matt. 9:18)
- b. Recognizing Jesus at the Son of God is what Matthew wants his readers to conclude (cf. Matt. 3:17; 16:16; 26:63; 27:40, 43, 54)

IV. Now What? (vs. 34-36: The Right Response)

- a. Many in the crowd had probably heard of the bleeding woman being healed simply by touching ***the fringe of His cloak*** (cf. Matt. 9:20-22)
- b. The crowds had faith that Jesus could heal them, but I believe there is a purposeful absence of any mention of them worshiping Him to serve as a stark contrast to the disciples response