

**Jesus Pursues You.**  
**Matthew 14:22-36 (975 in pew bible)**

**1. We are thankful that Jesus prays.**

**Matthew 14:22-23** Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. 23 And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone...

- a. He prayed during his time on earth. It was the engine for his ministry. cf. John 17:9-20
- b. He continues to pray for us forever. cf. Hebrews 7:23-25

**2. We experience the presence of our God and Savior Jesus Christ in our trials.**

**Matthew 14: 24-32** but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. 25 And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. 26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." 28 And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." 29 He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." 31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" 32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

- a. Jesus is revealed, again, as Lord of creation – walking on water. v. 25 cf. Psalm 29:3
- b. Jesus is revealed as pursuing us and as present with us in the storm. v. 25 – 27
  - i. There are storms even when we are obeying Jesus. cf. Isaiah 43:2
  - ii. Jesus comforts us with His presence. "It is I." cf. Matthew 28:20
- c. Jesus calls us to respond in faith. v. 28 – 29 cf. John 6:29
- d. Jesus saves us when our faith is weak. v. 30 – 31 cf. Jude 22; Mark 9:24

### 3. We worship him. v. 32

**Matthew 14:33** And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

a. “Truly.” There are no other gods who compare to Him. cf. Psalm 95:6-7; 96:4-5

b. The essence of worship: “You are the son of God.”cf. Titus 2:13 2 Peter 1:1 Revelation 5:8-14



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