



Jesus walking on Water

Three of the four Gospels record this:

Matthew 14:22-33; Mark 6:45-52; John 6:16-21

The Challenge of teaching this is that we have read it so many times that we have lost the sense of awe that surrounds this:

1. Consider all the unique places that Jesus walked
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2. The majority of the miracles were repeated (Mt 4:24; 19:2)
 - this miracle seems to stand as the only time it happened

A. Background to this event

1. Having fed the 5,000 the crowd, Jesus understood that they were going to make him a _____ (Jn 6:15)
2. Jesus sends the disciples in a boat, while He goes up a mountain to pray (Mt 14:23)

The Praying Jesus: What would you have noticed?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

3. Only _____ records Peter walking on water
4. This takes place between _____ AM
5. The sea became stirred up because of a _____ wind
6. The apostles had gone 3 or 4 miles—a long distance from the land (Mt 14:24)
7. First seeing Jesus, the disciples thought it was a _____ (Mt 14:26)
8. Jesus said, "It is I," - meaning "_____ " - do not be afraid (Mt 14:27)

There are actually FOUR Miracles Here:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Peter's Walking On Water

1. Peter understood that he could not walk on the water himself.
 - Peter's two statements: (Lord command me to come to you—28; Lord save me— 30)
2. It took courage and trust to do what Peter did
 - many of the modern pictures of this shows Peter walking on calm water in the daytime. It was dark and stormy with strong winds.
 - it's easy to talk about walking on the water while you are in the boat
3. Peter started to sink because he lost faith. He was afraid (Mt 14:30)





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Some Lessons:

It may be difficult to see some life applications for us since the age of miracles has ceased and we do not walk on water.

1. Jesus overcomes what _____ us. We cannot stop the rain. We cannot make flood waters go away. We cannot walk on water. The laws of this world controls us and prevents us from doing things.

Jesus was greater than those laws.

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2. It is remarkable how many times these disciples were afraid. In this story, they were terrified when they saw Jesus (Mt 14:26). Peter was frightened when he started to sink (Mt 14:30). Their fear was in visible things.
 - Our fear is often in things unseen such as:
 - Jesus shows that fear and faith do not fit together
3. The story ends with Jesus being worshipped and praised as "God's Son." (Acts 2:22). It illustrates that Jesus has all _____ in Heaven and on earth (Mt 28:18)
4. When we take our eyes off of Jesus, we tend to _____ spiritually
5. Sometimes obeying Jesus puts us in _____ winds
6. Jesus never asks us to do what we cannot _____
7. Even when we have tried our _____, we still need Jesus
8. It may seem like Jesus is walking by us, but He always is _____ to help
9. Things seem to get _____ when we realize Jesus is with us (Mk 6:51)
10. Lord, help us to help those who are _____ with storms

