

=MIRACLES OF CHRIST= Lesson 6
Jesus Walking on the Water

Matthew 14:22-33

This miracle is recorded in Matthew, Mark and John. All three of these who recorded this miracle agreed that it took place immediately following the feeding of the five thousand and on the evening of the same day.

Jesus constrained (or made) His disciples to get into a ship to go across the Sea of Galilee. He Himself went apart alone to pray.

The crowd had tried to take Jesus by force and make Him a king.

Jesus went alone, not willing that this should be done. Now get the picture: Jesus is on a mountain praying.

This mountain overlooks the Sea of Galilee. The disciples are in a boat crossing the sea. From where He prayed, His watchful eye of love was still upon them.

I. THE TROUBLE.

1. They were _____ with the waves. (Matthew 14:24)

The wind had become violent and the apostles' little boat was tossed by the waves. This represents the problems we face in life.

2. They were on the _____ of the sea.

The record says that they were a little more than 25 or 30 furlongs out. That is a little more than half the way across the lake.

3. It was at _____.

It was in the fourth watch of the night, which means it was in the wee morning hours.

The storms always seem worse at night, and the nighttime is coming for everyone. There must come hours of darkness and loneliness.

The way we accept these determines our usefulness for God.

4. Jesus does not _____ us until we have done all that we can do for ourselves.

Then when we are at our wit's end, it is marvelous how He suddenly comes, as He did here in Matthew 14:26.

II. THE HELP.

5. We see the _____ . (Matthew 14:25)

Jesus is coming to help. He is running to their side in their time of need. I John 2:1b says, "...And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."

The word "advocate" means "a runner to our side."

6. Jesus said: _____ . (Matthew 14:27)

How often God has spoken words of encouragement to His own.

Matthew 14:27, "...be not afraid."

7. Jesus does not want us to _____.

In times of trouble let us trust Him and hear His words, "...be not afraid."

8. Peter's _____ of looking down in Matthew 14:28-30.

Peter asked the Lord if he could come out of the ship and walk upon the water. This he did for a while, so long as he looked to the Lord and to Him only, but when he stopped to look down, he took his eyes off Jesus, became afraid and began to sink! As long as we look up, we can perform the impossible.

9. Peter's _____ for salvation in Matthew 14:30.

Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved

Not only does this speak of salvation, but it also speaks of help.

Peter's prayer was a simple one. He needed help, and he got it!