

# Jesus Walking on the Sea

Matthew 14:22-33; Mark 6:45-52; John 6:15-21

If you know a storm is coming, where should you be?  
Where is it safest?

In this story, the Lord caused the disciples to be out on a boat in a storm to teach them and us a lesson.

## Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, Your Word calls us to believe in Your promises. Your Word gives us many examples of Your power to do the humanly impossible in order to help those who trust in You. Strengthen our faith in You and Your Son Jesus Christ our Savior, that we may firmly believe all that You have told us and promised us without doubting. When we are afraid, remind us of Your protection; when You ask us to do difficult things, give us courage to step forward without doubts, knowing that You alone can be trusted in every need. If doubts distract our faith, rescue us when we call for Your help. We pray with trust in You, who spared not Your own Son but delivered Him up to be our Savior. Amen.



## The Story

Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He immediately made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, to Bethsaida. Jesus sent the multitudes away, and departed again to the mountain by Himself to pray.

Now when evening came, the boat was in the middle of the sea; and He was alone on the land. The boat was being tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. Jesus saw them straining at rowing, for the wind was against them.

Now about the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea, and would have passed them by. They had rowed about three or four miles when they saw Jesus

walking on the sea drawing near to the boat. When they saw Him, they supposed it was a ghost, and were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."

And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."

So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him,



“O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

The disciples willingly received Him into the boat, and immediately the wind ceased. Immediately the boat was at the land where they were going. And they were greatly amazed in themselves beyond measure, and

marveled. Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, “Truly You are the Son of God.” For they had not understood about the loaves, because their heart was hardened.

**What the Story Tells Us** - Answer these questions about the story.

1. What did the people want to make Jesus?
2. To what city were the disciples going?
3. What was Jesus doing on the mountain?
4. What kind of boat were the disciples using?
5. At what time is it during the fourth watch?
6. What did the disciples think Jesus was?
7. Which disciple asked to walk on the water with Jesus?
8. Why did he start to sink?
9. What happened when Jesus got into the boat?
10. Where were they when Jesus entered the boat?
11. What did the disciples say to worship Him?

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**Outer Aim**

**Jesus walked on water to help His disciples.**

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## Discussion Questions

1. Why did Jesus go alone to the mountain to pray?
2. Why should we pray?
3. Why do you think Jesus came to them this way—walking on the water?
4. What does this miracle of stopping the waves show about Jesus?
5. How should we feel when we are in a dangerous situation? How should we act?
6. What can we learn from this story?

## Passages

**Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me. Psalm 50:15**

**God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed,  
and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;  
though its waters roar and be troubled,  
though the mountains shake with its swelling. Psalm 46:1-3**

**What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?  
He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all,  
how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Romans 8:31-32**

**For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities  
nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,  
nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing,  
shall be able to separate us from the love of God  
which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39**

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### Inner Aim

**Believe in Jesus without a doubt.**

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## Hymn

Look at Hymn 528. Look carefully at the upper left corner of the page. You will see this hymn is based on Romans 8:31-39. Read these verses in Romans. Give reasons how this hymn explains these verses from Romans.

**Your Turn** - List the six miracles of Jesus in this story. Write the reference of the verse in Matthew, Mark, or John in which you find the miracle.

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**Prayer** - Write a prayer that fits our story today.