

Walking on Water

Matthew 14:22-36

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Jesus sent his disciples on ahead in the boat while he dismissed the crowd of over five thousand people who had just been miraculously fed. After sending them all home, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When night fell he was still there alone, while the disciples were in trouble far out from the land. The wind was against them, and they were fighting heavy waves.

At about three in the morning Jesus went out to them, walking on the water. When the disciples saw him they were terrified, "It's a ghost!"

But Jesus said, "Take courage. Don't be afraid. It's me."

Simon called out, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water."

Jesus said, "Come!"

Simon got down out of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. His attention was drawn away from Jesus by the wind and the waves all around him. He was afraid and began to sink. He cried out, "Lord, save me!"

Instantly, Jesus was there at his side and took hold of him. "Where is your faith?" asked Jesus, "Why did you doubt me?" They climbed into the boat and immediately the wind died down. Those in the boat worshiped Jesus, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

When they landed at Gennesaret, people recognized Jesus. News of his arrival spread quickly. Soon people from all around the area brought the sick to be healed. They begged Jesus to simply let the sick touch the edge of his cloak, and everyone who touched him was healed.