

The Messiah's Power to Calm a Storm: The Power of His Presence

Mathew 14: 22–33

(Mk 6:45-52; Jn 6:16-21)

1. *Christ's presence is assured by personal preparation: Prayer, Mt. 7:7-8; 21:22; 26:41; Jas 5:13-14*

- a. He sent the disciples away
- b. He dismissed the crowd
- c. He prayed alone
 - 1) On a mountain
 - 2) In the evening
 - 3) In a storm

2. *Christ's presence conquers fear*

- a. A storm arose
- b. Jesus went to the disciples:
He walked on the sea
- c. The disciples feared,
thinking they saw a ghost
- d. Jesus gave assurance –
His presence

3. *Christ's presence stirs the hope of being saved*

- a. Peter's hope: He could be saved
by Christ's presence
- b. Jesus' command: Come
- c. Peter's obedience:
Walked on the water
- d. Peter's fear:
Took his eyes off Jesus
- e. Peter's faith faltered
 - 1) Glanced at the storm
 - 2) Began to sink
 - 3) Cried: Lord, save

22 Immediately

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat
and go on ahead of him to the other side,
while he dismissed the crowd.

23 After he had dismissed them,

he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray.
When evening came,
he was there alone,

24 But the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

25 During the fourth watch of the night

Jesus went out to them,
walking on the lake.

26 When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified.

"It's a ghost," they said,
and cried out in fear.

27 But Jesus immediately said to them:

"Take courage! It is I.
Don't be afraid."

28 "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied,

"tell me to come to you on the water."

29 "Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat,
walked on the water and came toward Jesus.

30 But when he saw the wind,

he was afraid and,
beginning to sink,
cried out, "Lord, save me!"

f. Jesus' rescue of Peter: Rebuked his faltering faith 4. <i>Christ's presence conquers nature</i> 5. <i>Christ's presence stirs confession and worship</i>	31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" 32 And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. 33 Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."
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