

## Matthew 14:22-33 **Jesus walked on the Sea**

### Jesus sent the Disciples ahead to Capernaum

22 Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

### Jesus still desired solitude to pray

23 And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there.

### Jesus came to the Disciples walking on the Sea

24 But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. 25 Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. 26 And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."

### Peter walked on the Sea

28 And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." 29 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. 30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" 31 And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

### Evidence is compelling, "You Are the Son of God"

32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God." NKJV

#### Facts Revealed:

#### Jesus desired solitude to pray

- ✚ The original desire of Jesus, when He crossed the Sea of Galilee in the boat was to find seclusion to pray and be refreshed. [Matthew 14:13] (to a place near Bethsaida). [Luke 9:10]
- ✚ The Multitude went on foot and met Him as He arrived at His destination. [Matthew 14:13-14]
- ✚ Out of compassion, Jesus met their needs and fed all of them. [Matthew 14:14-21]
- ✚ After Jesus fed the 5,000, the people wanted to take Him by force and make Him king. [John 6:15]

#### Jesus sent the Disciples ahead from region of Bethsaida to Capernaum still desiring solitude to pray

- ✚ Now it is late and Jesus sent the Disciples on ahead by boat while He dismissed the crowd. [Matthew 14:22, Mark 6:45, John 6:16-17]
- ✚ When the multitude is finally gone, Jesus has the time for solitude with the Father He was seeking at the first, and He went up into the mountain alone by Himself and prayed. [Matthew 14:23, Mark 6:46, John 6:15]

#### Jesus came to the Disciples walking on the Sea [Matthew 14:22-33, Mark 6:45-52, John 6:14-21]

- ✚ When Jesus finished praying, the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. [Matthew 14:24]
  - ✧ Jesus knew all things. [John 6:64, 21:17] Therefore, Jesus knew that the storm would hamper His disciples from reaching their destination so He could give them more evidence as to His identity and fulfill more prophecies. [Job 9:8, Psalm 107:23-30]
- ✚ In the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. [Matthew 14:25]

- ✧ Speaking of El (God) Job said, “He alone spreads out the heavens, And treads on the waves of the sea.” Thus Jesus demonstrates that He is the El (God) of the book of Job. [Job 9:8]
- ✧ Knowing that no one but a spirit can walk on the sea, the disciples cried out in fear when they saw Jesus walking on the water, thinking it was a ghost. [Matthew 14:26]
- ✧ Jesus reassured them by saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." [Matthew 14:27]

### Peter walked on the Sea

- ✧ Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." [Matthew 14:28]
  - ✧ When appearances are so incredible it is good to test yourself to see if it is reality or imagination.
  - ✧ Peter found the best way to test the vision by actually becoming a part of it.
  - ✧ God allowed the test and provided all the evidence anyone might need to realize the reality of the story, giving not only Peter, but all the rest of the disciples testimonial evidence by allowing Peter's request.
  - ✧ Jesus said, “Come” [Matthew 14:29]
- ✧ Peter climbed out of the boat and walked on the water to go to Jesus. [Matthew 14:29]
  - ✧ The Sea of Galilee (Kinneret) is about 144 feet deep at the center where Jesus met the Disciples struggling against the wind, according to an article of news February 8, 2007 by “Israel National News” “Arutz Sheva.”
  - ✧ When Peter realized what he was doing and became aware of where he was and the wind and the waves, he began to sink and cried out to Jesus to save him. [Matthew 14:30]
- ✧ Jesus reached out His hand and caught him, and said, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” [Matthew 14:31]
  - ✧ To me it is easy to understand why Peter doubted, he had been fishing that area for a long time and casting nets for fish, he knew that the water was deep at that point, I believe I might have trouble with the situation if it had been me.
  - ✧ I also noticed that the rest of the disciples did not attempt to get out of the boat, but they witnessed the whole procedure.
  - ✧ Jesus used the occasion to demonstrate the power of God available in response to real faith.

### Evidence is compelling, “You Are the Son of God”

- ✧ When they, both Peter and Jesus, got into the boat the wind ceased. [Matthew 14:32]
  - ✧ This fulfilled Psalm 107:23-30 demonstrating that it was the work of Yehowah and identifying Jesus as the Yehowah of Psalm.
  - ✧ The disciples caught the significance of the situation and said, “Truly You are the Son of God.” [Matthew 14:33]
  - ✧ That was all the evidence they needed to fully believe who Jesus is.
  - ✧ Do we today need more evidence? Yet God has provided much more evidence so we may believe and be saved.
  - ✧ Jesus said to the two on the way to Emmaus: "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" And **beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.** [Luke 24:25-27]
  - ✧ Then later to the Disciples after the two reported seeing Jesus on the road and in Emmaus, Jesus appeared and said: "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that **all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.**" [Luke 24:44]

