

Matthew 14:22-36

Jesus Walks on the Water (22-33)

- ◆ Then Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side of the lake, while he sent the people away. After sending the people away, he went up a hill by himself to pray. When evening came, Jesus was there alone; and by this time the boat was far out in the lake, tossed about by the waves, because the wind was blowing against it. Between three and six o'clock in the morning Jesus came to the disciples, walking on the water. When they saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. "It's a ghost!" they said, and screamed with fear. Jesus spoke to them at once. "Courage!" he said. "It is I. Don't be afraid!" Then Peter spoke up. "Lord, if it is really you, order me to come out on the water to you." "Come!" answered Jesus. So Peter got out of the boat and started walking on the water to Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he was afraid and started to sink down in the water. "Save me, Lord!" he cried. At once Jesus reached out and grabbed hold of him and said, "What little faith you have! Why did you doubt?" They both got into the boat, and the wind died down. Then the disciples in the boat worshiped Jesus. "Truly you are the Son of God!" they exclaimed.
- ◆ Jesus walking on water is an exhibition of his authority, he is the son of God. Nothing is impossible with God.
- ◆ The story of Peter caught my attention. He asked Christ to walk on water and when he was now walking on water he started doubting because of the strong wind, this resulted in him sinking. Do we also act as Peter did? We ask God in faith and when we face trials and tribulations we lose the faith and start sinking. Faith and doubt don't go hand in hand. If we doubt we lose out on the reward of faith. Let's cling tight to the faith come rain come thunder. Our faith should not wither in face of hardships, we should persevere and overcome in faith.

Jesus Heals the Sick in Gennesaret (34-36)

- ◆ They crossed the lake and came to land at Gennesaret, where the people recognized Jesus. So they sent for the sick people in all the surrounding country and brought them to Jesus. They begged him to let the sick at least touch the edge of his cloak; and all who touched it were made well.
- ◆ The Lord is for yesterday, today and forever. How he healed when he was here on earth, he still can heal whilst he's not here. All we need to do is to ask in faith without doubting.