

Matthew 14:22-36

Jesus Walks on Water



Verse	Details	Keywords	Revelation	Application
Matthew 14:22	Jesus immediately sends the disciples into the boat and dismisses the crowd.	<i>Immediately</i> (eutheōs) – at once; <i>Made</i> (anankazō) – compelled, strongly urged.	Sometimes Jesus sends us into situations we don't understand, but He has purpose in it.	Obedience often precedes revelation—trust His leading even when it's abrupt.
Matthew 14:23	Jesus goes up on a mountainside to pray alone.	<i>Pray</i> (proseuchomai) – commune with God; <i>Alone</i> (monos) – solitary.	Jesus prioritizes prayer even in exhaustion and grief.	Spend time alone with God—strength comes from solitude with the Father.
Matthew 14:24	The boat is far from land, buffeted by waves because the wind was against it.	<i>Buffeted</i> (basanizō) – tortured, severely tested; <i>Wind</i> (anemos).	The storm wasn't accidental—Jesus allowed the trial to strengthen their faith.	Storms come even in obedience; don't assume difficulty means God is absent.
Matthew 14:25	During the fourth watch (3–6 AM), Jesus walks on the lake toward them.	<i>Walk</i> (peripateō) – to tread; <i>Lake/Sea</i> (thalassa).	Jesus comes at the darkest hour—never late, always purposeful.	Expect Jesus to show up unexpectedly in your hardest moments.
Matthew 14:26	The disciples see Him and cry out in fear, thinking He is a ghost.	<i>Cried out</i> (ekrazo) – screamed; <i>Ghost</i> (phantasma) – apparition.	Fear distorts perception—storms make us misinterpret Jesus' presence.	Don't let fear blur your vision of Jesus—look again with faith.

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Matthew 14:27	Jesus immediately says, “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.	<i>Take courage</i> (tharseite) – be bold; <i>It is I</i> (egō eimi) – “I AM.”	Jesus reveals His divine identity in the storm.	Let Jesus’ voice—not circumstances—define your peace.
Matthew 14:28	Peter says, “Lord, if it’s You, tell me to come to You on the water.”	<i>Come</i> (elthein) – step toward; <i>Lord</i> (Kyrios) – Master.	Faith asks for impossible invitations.	Dare to step out when Jesus calls—you were made for deeper waters.
Matthew 14:29	Jesus says “Come,” and Peter walks on the water toward Jesus.	<i>Come</i> – divine invitation; <i>Walk</i> – supernatural empowerment	Obedience unlocks the miraculous—Peter walks by focusing on Jesus.	Fix your eyes on Him, not the impossibility beneath your feet.
Matthew 14:30	Peter sees the wind, becomes afraid, begins to sink, and cries, “Lord, save me!”	<i>Afraid</i> (phobeō); <i>Begin to sink</i> (katapontizō).	Fear shifts focus from Christ to crisis—faith falters when eyes drift.	When you fall, call out to Jesus—He responds instantly.
Matthew 14:31	Jesus immediately catches Peter and says, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?”	<i>Doubt</i> (distazō) – to waver, be divided.	Jesus rescues before correcting—grace precedes instruction.	Jesus doesn’t shame your struggle—He grows your faith through it.
Matthew 14:32	They climb into the boat, and the wind dies down.	<i>Died down</i> (kopazō) – to cease completely.	Jesus brings peace when He enters the situation.	Invite Jesus into your storm—His presence changes everything.

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Matthew 14:33	Those in the boat worship Jesus, saying, “Truly You are the Son of God.”	<i>Worship</i> (proskyneō) – bow down; <i>Truly</i> (alēthōs) – certainly.	This is the first time the disciples openly declare Jesus’ divinity.	Worship increases when revelation increases—storms lead to deeper faith.
Matthew 14:34	They land at Gennesaret.	<i>Land</i> (diaperan) – crossed over.	After storms come safe shores—Jesus brings His people through.	Trust Him to bring you to the other side—He never abandons the journey.
Matthew 14:35	The people recognize Jesus and bring all their sick to Him.	<i>Recognized</i> (epignousai) – fully knew; <i>Brought</i> (prosphe rō) – carried to Him.	Recognition leads to revival—people rushed to Jesus with expectation.	Bring others to Jesus—He is still the Healer.
Matthew 14:36	The sick beg to touch even the fringe of His garment; all who touched were healed.	<i>Touch</i> (haptomai) – to cling to; <i>Healed</i> (diasōzō) – made whole.	Faith—even small—is powerful when directed toward Jesus.	Reach out in faith—Jesus still restores, heals, and makes whole.

Summary Revelation

This passage reveals that:

- Jesus **meets us in storms** and reveals more of Himself through them.
- Faith requires **stepping out**, not staying in comfort.
- Focus determines outcome—eyes on Jesus lead to victory; eyes on the wind lead to sinking.
- Jesus responds instantly to our cries.
- His presence brings **peace, worship, and healing** everywhere He goes.

 **Storms become classrooms when Jesus is near.**

 **Faith grows when you step out of the boat.**

Cross References

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Job 9:8

“He alone stretches out the heavens and treads on the waves of the sea.”

Theme: God alone has authority over the waters — Jesus reveals His divinity.

Psalms 107:28–30

“They cried out to the Lord in their trouble... He stilled the storm to a whisper.”

Theme: The Lord calms storms — same as Jesus stopping the wind.

Joshua 3:13–17

The priests step into the Jordan and God makes a way through the waters.

Theme: Faith steps require obedience that leads to miracles.

Matthew 8:23–27

Jesus calms the storm earlier.

Theme: Jesus’ authority over nature grows increasingly clear.

John 6:19–21

Parallel account: Jesus walks on water and immediately the boat reaches the shore.

Theme: Jesus’ presence brings deliverance and arrival.