

Lesson I. ✓

JESUS WALKING ON THE SEA

July 1, 1900

Matt. 14: 22-33—Memory Verses, 25, 27

Golden Text—Of a truth thou art the Son of God.—Matt. 14: 33.

30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

31 And immediately Je'sus stretched forth *his* hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

32 And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.

33 Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

22 And straightway Je'sus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away.

23 And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

24 But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.

25 And in the fourth watch of the night Je'sus went unto them, walking on the sea.

26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.

27 But straightway Je'sus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

28 And Pe'ter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.

29 And he said, Come. And when Pe'ter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Je'sus.

While the crowds of people whom Jesus had fed by a miracle were still waiting about on the hillside, He said to His disciples, "Get into your boat quickly and row across the lake. I will stay here and send these people away."

When they were all gone, Jesus walked away to a quiet part of the mountain to spend the night in prayer to His Heavenly Father.

The disciples had gone only a short distance, when a great storm came on. They were strong fishermen and pulled hard at the oars, but the wind was against them and

they lost their way. The great waves tossed their little boat all night and the water came splashing over the side, until they felt sure they must all be drowned.

Jesus knew they were in trouble and came walking across the dark water to help them. But the disciples did not know Him. They began to cry out, thinking it was a spirit that they saw. But Jesus said, "Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid."

As soon as Peter heard his Master's voice, he thought he could walk on the water, too, and asked if he might try. Jesus answered, "Come."

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