

**The Miracles of Jesus**  
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*Miracle: "A Happening with Which Human Reasoning Has Yet To Catch Up."*

-Dr. William Augustus Jones

**Miracle #20 – Jesus Walks on Water**

**Matthew 14:22-33**; Mark 6:45-52; & John 6:16-21

- **Matthew 14:22-24**

Jesus constrains His disciples to get on a boat. The Greek verb in this verse is translated to mean "compelled." They did not want to leave the presence of Jesus. There are (3) primary reasons Jesus sent them away:

- 1) To help diffuse the crowd that wanted to make Him King. (**John 6:15**)
- 2) Jesus wanted to escape both the crowd and the disciples to get some rest. (**Mark 6:31-32**)
- 3) Jesus wanted to spend some time alone with His Father in prayer. (**Mark 14:23**)

If Jesus had to pray, what about you and what about me?

- **Matthew 14:25-29**

The sea was restless; the storm continued as the winds blew against the ship. By 4:00 AM in the morning, the disciples were only half-way across the lake. When they noticed a figure walking on the water, the disciples were terrified, assuming it must be a ghost. But Jesus called out and identified Himself. Peter then asked the Lord to tell him to join him on the waters. Jesus did and Peter stepped out into the stormy waters.

- **Matthew 14:30-33**

Peter heard Jesus speaking to their fear, "***Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.***" When Jesus said "***It is I***"; He was basically saying the same thing that God said to Moses when God spoke to him out of a burning bush.

- **Exodus 3:14**

Peter stepped out onto the waters with courage and faith. After a minute or two he began to sink. He started out with good intentions, but in a brief moment his faith grew weak. This does not mean he failed. The joy of the miracle is that when his faith began to grow weak, he reached out to Christ, the only one who could help. He was afraid, but he looked to Jesus. Jesus reached forth His hand and caught him. The winds ceased, there was a calm and all were safe. They began to worship and praise God.

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