

Mt 14: ~~22~~ 22-33
"Jesus Walks on Water"

Deaf Church
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1. Introduction
 - a. Important to have faith in God
 - b. God demands faith as foundation
 - Heb 11:1 faith is substance & evidence
 - Heb 11:6 faith = believe God lives & rewards
 - c. Immediately after Feeding of 5000
 - Jesus sent the crowds away
 - Jesus sent His disciples in a boat to cross over Sea of Galilee to other side
 - d. Jesus went up on a mountain to pray alone
 - Sun is setting at evening
 - e. Roman "watches" - Keeping time
 - 1st watch = 6P - 9P
 - 2nd watch = 9P - 12 Midnight
 - 3rd watch = 12 Midnight - 3A
 - 4th watch = 3AM - 6AM
2. Jesus Prays Alone
 - a. Disciples obeyed Jesus
 - disciples in God's will in their journey by boat
 - they in aftermath of glow of Jesus feeding huge crowd
 - b. Jesus spent afternoon praying alone
 - He spent most of the night praying
3. Disciples Have Trouble
 - a. Wind started blowing
 - b. Boat tossed around by the wind
 - c. They were in the middle of the water far from shore
 - d. Wind blowing against them
4. Jesus Comes to His Disciples
 - a. When? in the 4th watch
 - in the early morning hours while dark

4b. Jesus comes to disciples walking on the water

- How? walking on water?
- And Jesus didn't sink
- Jesus walking on water like it was hard ground
- this all happened after 3 AM

c. Scene out of a living nightmare

- It is dark & waves pushing boat around
- they think they see a man walking in the waves
- the man not getting knocked over

d. Disciples afraid at this abnormal sight

- sight against all laws of physics
- Conclusion: "It's a ghost!"

e. Jesus comforts them

- "It's only me." "Don't be afraid."

5. Peter Asks to Join Jesus

a. Peter, "If it's you, tell me..."

b. Peter wants to come to Jesus outside the boat

c. Peter is not asking to swim

d. Peter wants to walk outside the boat to Jesus

- Peter is man of action

6. Jesus Commands Peter

a. Simple word, "Come."

b. Peter starts walking on water

c. But then Peter starts seeing his surroundings - wind & waves

d. Peter gets afraid

e. Peter knew who to call for help

- "Lord, save me."

- Peter was slowly sinking into the water

7. Jesus Saves Peter

a. Jesus touches Peter caught him by his hand

b. Jesus, "Why did you doubt..."

c. Wind stopped when both in boat