

Peter Walking on Water

Script. - Mt. 7:7-8

- A. The background of what led up to Peter walking on water.
 - 1. Feeding of the 5000 is in all 4 gospels. What happens next is in 3 out of 4 gospels.
 - 2. The people watched Jesus heal all their different diseases, and feed thousands with a few loaves and a couple of fish. When they tried to take him by force and crown him king he took decisive action;
 - a. He sent the disciples away (Mt. 14:22; Mk. 6:45).
 - b. He dispersed the multitudes (Mt. 14:22; Mk. 6:45).
 - c. Jesus went up to a mountain to pray (Jn. 6:15).

- B. Peter walking on the water (Mt. 14:29; Mk. 6:45-52; Jn. 6:15-21).
 - 1. The disciple were fighting to keep the boat afloat in midst of the storm (Mt. 14:25-25).
 - 2. Jesus was watching them from the mountain where he was praying (Mk. 6:48).
 - 3. Jesus came to them in the 4th watch of the night (Mk. 6:48).
 - 4. They were afraid of him, thinking he was a ghost (Mt. 14:26).
 - 5. Jesus identifies himself (Mt. 14:27).
 - 6. Peter says, If it is you then bid me come to you? (Mt. 14:28).
 - 7. Jesus tells him to come (Mt. 14:29).
 - 8. Peter sees the wind and waves and begins to sink (Mt. 14:30).
 - 9. Jesus catches Peter and walks him safely back to the boat (Mt. 14:31-32).

- C. What Can We Learn?
 - 1. We can do things with Jesus that we cannot do without Him (Ps. 34:8; 2 Chron. 16:9; Phil. 4:13).
 - 2. Whether or not you can see Jesus He is aware of what your going through and watching over you (Mk. 6:48).
 - 3. The reason you get into trouble does not determine whether or not God is willing to help you. The disciples joined with the crowd to try and take Jesus by force and Jesus put a stop to it and sent the disciples back to the boat while he dispersed the multitudes (Mt. 14:22; Mk. 6:45).
 - 4. Jesus walked on water to get to the disciples. He will move heaven and earth to rescue you and see that you are safe.
 - 5. Even though Peter's question to Jesus showed that He doubted Jesus statement about who He said he was, he was not rebuked by Jesus for doubting. Although all of the disciples went through this experience Peter was the only one that was willing to communicate with Jesus and voice his doubts.
 - 6. Peter was **willing to ask** Jesus if he could walk on water. Peter's request was immediately granted and he instantly scrambled out of the boat and experienced something that no one else had ever accomplished. Peter was not content to just be in the presence of thee most powerful person in the universe but He showed that he had a desire to share the special benefits that walking with God can bring into our life.