

Message Outline

To Speak or Swim? A

Lesson on Water Walking

Matthew 14:22-36



Intro: Studying the life of Simon Peter...

- First two weeks, fishing (Lk.5) and healing (Mk.1)...

Q&A: *Any unique claim to fame? and/or memorable moment? _____

v.22—Story follows feeding of 5,000 men...

v.23a—Jesus doing it again...praying!!!

v.23-26—Jesus water walking...disciples reacting...

- Not a group on the lookout for a miracle...sheer fear!

v.27—“It is I”...speaking into fear with His presence/identity!

v.28—Peter’s petition...

v.29—Peter’s memorable moment...

v.30—When “the rock” sinks...

v.31—Jesus’ saving and challenging...

v.32-33—Further glimpse into Jesus’ identity.

v.34-36—More miracles of Jesus...

- A word for those skeptical of the supernatural...

The Words of Water Walking

1) _____ v.28a

- How do we know if something is of Jesus?
 - a) _____
 - b) _____

2) _____ v.28b

- HUGE request...asking God for something only He can accomplish!
- Not a license for wrecklessness...willing to wait for His word/will!

3) _____ v.30

- Simple, straightforward...

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²² Immediately after this, Jesus insisted that his disciples get back into the boat and cross to the other side of the lake, while he sent the people home. ²³ After sending them home, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. Night fell while he was there alone.

²⁴ Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves. ²⁵ About three o’clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, “It’s a ghost!”

²⁷ But Jesus spoke to them at once. “Don’t be afraid,” he said. “Take courage. I am here!”

²⁸ Then Peter called to him, “Lord, if it’s really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water.”

²⁹ “Yes, come,” Jesus said.

So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. “Save me, Lord!” he shouted.

³¹ Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. “You have so little faith,” Jesus said. “Why did you doubt me?”

³² When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped. ³³ Then the disciples worshiped him. “You really are the Son of God!” they exclaimed.

³⁴ After they had crossed the lake, they landed at Gennesaret. ³⁵ When the people recognized Jesus, the news of his arrival spread quickly throughout the whole area, and soon people were bringing all their sick to be healed. ³⁶ They begged him to let the sick touch at least the fringe of his robe, and all who touched him were healed.