

There Are Storms In This Life

Main point:

What we do with Jesus in our storms is more important than what Jesus does with our storms.

In Matt. 14 - Matthew is pointing to the fact that Jesus is the true Messiah by connecting their history to the life and ministry of Christ.

1. John The Baptist, the promised prophet
2. The wilderness feeding
3. The Red Sea / Lake of Galilee

I. Personal storms, Jesus encountered personal storms - Vs. 1-12

II. Corrections / Ministry Storms - Vs. 13-21

III. Perfection / Faith Storms - Vs. 22-33

Matthew 14:22-33 (ESV)

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But

immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

²⁸ And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Jesus Sends, Sees, & Saves

A. Sometimes Jesus SENDS us into storms - some storms are a result of our obedience

B. Jesus SEES us in our storms - what we need most is to see Him in our storms

C. Only He can SAVE us in our storms

The things that we fear are often His stairway to meet us where we are.