

Matthew 22

Jesus Walks on the Water

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd.

²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray.

Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

²⁸ "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

²⁹ "Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Act It Out!

Peter sits in a boat, waves goodbye to Jesus then rocks from side to side as they travel across the lake.

Jesus climbs a mountain and puts his hands together to pray.

The disciples' boat rocks from side to side much more!

Jesus walks on the water towards the boat.

Peter looks very scared.

Jesus: Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.

Peter: Lord, if it's you, tell me to come to you on the water.

Jesus: Come.

Peter gets out of the boat, onto the water and walks. He then looks very scared.

Peter: Lord, save me!

Jesus reaches out and catches Peter.

Jesus: You of little faith. Why did you doubt?

Peter and Jesus climb into the boat.