

Disciple's Quest

*If you continue in My word, then you are
truly disciples of Mine.*

John 8:31

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Rescue at Sea

Matthew 14:22 - 33

Main Idea:

Jesus walks on the Sea of Galilee through a raging storm to rescue the disciples. By doing so, He both authenticated His identity as the Son of God and strengthened the faith of the disciples.

Outline:

The Separation (22-23)

The Storm (24)

The Savior (25-27)

The Saving (28-32)

Questions for further contemplation and application after the message:

- #1 The text is clear that the storm was subject to Jesus' authority. In fact, He brought it about for the benefit of the disciples. What purpose do you think Jesus intended it to serve in their lives?

How did He ultimately bring that purpose about?

- #2 Bearing in mind that our Lord is in control of the "storms" (difficulties/hardships) we encounter in life, and that He even uses them for our good, how should we respond when we encounter adversity?

What does James say we should do? Consult James 1:2-5.

- #3 The text makes no mention of the disciples praying when they encountered the storm. Why do we sometimes default to trying to persevere through our own power instead of immediately calling on the Lord?

Why should we always pray first when reacting to any challenge we encounter?

- #4 The many amazing miracles the disciples had seen Jesus perform gave them great reason to believe and trust Him.

What reason do we have to believe and trust?

Read 2 Peter 1:16-21. According to Peter, what is more reliable, experience or Scripture?

- #5 How do you think Peter's rescue by Jesus shaped him for future ministry?

Select helpful resources:

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