

Revelation
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Matthew 14:22-36



THE ORCHARD

Sermon Outline

1. Times when Jesus seems distant
2. Times when fear overwhelms us
3. Times when doubts assail us
4. Christ is near
 - A. He will set the world right
 - B. He deserves our praise

Sermon Questions

1. Have you experienced a moment where Jesus feels distant from you? How did you come out of that? Are you still in it?
2. How has suffering kept you from trusting that Jesus was near to you? Why do the pressures of this world easily blind us from the Savior?
3. How has God revealed Himself to you amid trials? How does a clear perspective on our God give us hope when we feel over our heads?
4. Let us consider these words Jesus used to comfort His disciples: "Take heart! It is I! I Am!" How does the fact that Jesus is the same God as Who we know throughout all the Old Testament enhance your understanding of Who He is? How does our eternal Lord encourage you and give you confidence as you endure trials?
5. Just like Peter, we can all be tempted to take our eyes off of Jesus when the storms of life begin to grow. Is there a specific "storm" – a work issue, family conflict, spiritual pain, etc – that is currently tempting you to look away from Jesus? How can we fight that temptation – what truth can keep us focused?
6. Even when Peter failed to trust Jesus, Jesus didn't fail Peter. How have you seen God's faithfulness even when you fail to trust him in moments of crisis? How does that impact your love

and desire to worship Him?

6. The disciples responded to Jesus' revelation by worshiping Him. What is your response to God's revelation from this message? What may hinder you from worshiping as fully and unrestrainedly as the disciples in Matthew 14? How can we grow in a desire to worship our God in light of His glorious revelation?

7. Does anything else stand out to you in this passage or the message? How can we pray for each other in light of this good news?