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Matthew 14:22–33 *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."*

Who can walk on water? Only The Son of God

- Christ devoted in worship
- Christ shows us His divinity
- Christ shares with us His divine power
- Christ saves us as we struggle
- Christ draws us to worship

In the gospel, Jesus takes time to pray all by himself! What does this teach us about prayer or our lives?

Jesus demonstrates that He is the One and Only divine Lord. How did that sink in for the disciples? Why was that so hard to believe?

How does Jesus inviting Peter to walk on water provide us with a picture of how God empowers to rule over the "waters of chaos and evil" in our own life? How is this a fulfillment of God's original purpose for Adam & Eve to rule over the earth?

When Peter sinks, what does this teach us?

When Jesus reaches out and saves him as he is sinking, what does teach us?

This the first instance in the gospel of the disciples worshipping Jesus. How do we worship Jesus? What spiritual disposition is required to worship Jesus?

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Matthew 11:25-29
25 At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; 26 yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. 27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Christ Calls Us to Gospel Rest

- How do we view rest?
- In what ways do we need true rest or Shalom in our life?

Jesus Invites Us to Walk with Him:

Follow Me: Turn to Christ
(see Matt. 9:9 As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.)

Finding rest begins with turning away from whatever we trust more than Christ and turning toward Him in faith.

- What did Matthew have to leave behind to follow Jesus? What might have made that difficult?
- What are we tempted to depend upon for our security, identity, or satisfaction instead of Christ?
- Why do we struggle to surrender control and follow Jesus wholeheartedly?
- How does knowing who Jesus is—His authority, mercy, and grace—give us confidence to follow Him?

Come to Me: Find Your Rest in Christ
Matt. 11:28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Our deepest burden is our sin and alienation from God. Yet Jesus also invites us to trust Him amid the anxieties, fears, disappointments, and responsibilities of everyday life.

- What burdens are we carrying today—guilt, fear, anxiety, expectations, or the need to control?
- Why do we often try to solve our problems independently before turning to Christ?

- What does it practically mean to bring our burdens to Jesus? How do prayer, repentance, and trusting His promises help us?
- What kind of rest does Jesus promise? What does He not promise?

Learn from Me: Grow in Grace

Matt. 11:29 T*ake my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

Jesus does not call us to a life without responsibility. He calls us into a new relationship where we live under His gracious lordship.

- What do Jesus' gentleness and humility teach us about His relationship with us?
- What is Christ teaching us through our present struggles, responsibilities, and relationships?
- How can we become more intentional about learning from Christ through Scripture, prayer, worship, and fellowship?