

The Gospel of Matthew #100

SEEING JESUS IN THE STORM

Matthew 14:22-36

13:51 -- 14:36 characterized by **5 Cs** in 3 stories

Climaxed by a new confession of **Who** Jesus is.

- I. Conflicts: Jesus in Nazareth;
John murdered by Herod
- II. Contrasts: Herod v John; Herod v Jesus
- III. Compassion 1: interrupted by crowd and cares for them
- IV. Confession 1: we are helpless
- V. Competence 1: feeds 5000+ from 5 loaves & 2 fishes

VI. Competent because _____

Observations & Lessons

- 1. Jesus saw the temptation and ran to His Father
They want force Him to be king (John 6:14-15), so He disperses them and sends disciples away
- 2. He craves to be alone with His Father
Hours of undistracted focus on One He loves

VII. _____ 2: He leaves the quiet to be with them in the storm

- 3. Obedience does not guarantee a trouble free life
He sent them into this storm
- 4. He interrupts His quiet to GO to them
He could have stilled the storm from the mountain, but He chooses to be with them in the storm

VIII. _____ 2: He walks on water and stills the storm

- 5. He assures them of His Presence when they terrified
Sometimes you just need to know He is with you

6. Peter wants closer fellowship, even at great risk
Focus not on walking on water, but “come to You”

7. Peter’s faith is so strong, yet it wavers

He does what few would do.

Yet as soon as his eyes are off Jesus, he begins to sink
Jesus immediately saves him—and rebukes him
So with you and me

8. Jesus gets in the boat and stills the winds

Which is the greater miracle: feeding 5000+ or walking on water and stilling the storm?

Both supersede the laws of the physical universe and confound Enlightenment secularist thinking

IX. _____ 2: worship as Son of God!

- 9. 2 new steps of understanding:
 - a) worship a Man
 - b) confess He is the Son of God

X. _____ 3: a new group and new means

10. Gennesaret; just touching the hem of His cloak
There is no limit to His power and compassion

So What

- 1. Do you crave to be alone with your Father for an hour
When in grief – when tempted – when under stress – when in conflict?
- 2. Do you believe Jesus meets you in your storm
That took you off guard when following Him?
When you began to look at the waves in your life?
The Son of God (able) and choosing to be with you (willing)