

KEEPING YOUR EYES ON THE ALL SUFFICIENT CHRIST

(Matthew 14:22-33)

A. JESUS FEEDS THE FIVE THOUSAND (Matt. 14:15-21; Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17; John 6 :1-14)

B. JESUS WALKS ON WATER (Matt. 14:22-33; Mark 6:45-52; John 6:14-21)

1. The reason that Jesus “*made His disciples get into the boat*” was because the multitude was going to try and force Him to be _____ (John 6:15); but the kingdom had already been _____. (v. 22, cf. Matt. 11:20; 13:11-15)
2. After sending the crowds away, Christ sensed the need for some _____ with His Father, so He went up on the hillside to _____. (v. 23)
3. We can be certain that our Lord was very much aware of the current state of His disciples; and while He was _____ earnestly, they were _____ frantically. (v. 24)
4. Christ waited for the precise moment to come to them, when their _____ and _____ had run out; and He came to them in such a way to accentuate His _____ and divine power. (v. 25)
5. Understandably, the disciples did not expect Jesus’ arrival and they cried out in _____ (Gk. *phobou*), thinking that He was a _____ (Gk. *phantasma*). (v. 26)
6. Jesus “*immediately*” identified Himself as the great “_____” (Gk. *Ego eimi*), and offered words of reassurance and comfort in the positive, “*be of good cheer*” and in the negative, “*do _____ be _____*.” (v. 27)

7. In the English, it appears as if Peter is unsure that it was Jesus, but this is not so when we consider three elements...
- Peter addressed Christ as “_____.” (v. 28a)
 - When he stated, “*Lord if it is you...*” the word *if* is a first-class conditional clause in the Greek; Peter _____ this was Jesus. (v. 28b)
 - Peter asked Jesus to “_____” him to come to Him “*on the water.*” (v. 28c)
8. Peter did what none of the other disciples were willing to do, he got _____ of the _____ and stepped out on the water, displaying enormous _____. (v. 29)
9. Peter obviously took his eyes _____ of the Lord and on to the _____ around him (the wind and the waves), and he began to sink. (v. 30)
10. Jesus “*immediately*” rescued Peter, and He was asking him, “*you had come so _____ and you were so _____, why did you take your eyes off _____?*” (v. 31)
11. Peter’s experience turned out to be a _____ to the other disciples as well as to himself; because when they saw the _____ of Jesus Christ, in conquering and calming the storm, they could only fall down and _____ Him. (vv. 32-33)

* How can you apply this truth today?