Series "Behold Your King" "Meeting Jesus In The Storm" Matthew 14:22-36 Part-71

Three of the gospels record this miracle of Jesus walking in the water, Matthew 14:22-36; Mark 6:45-56; John 6:15-21

Matthew 8:23-27

I want to draw <u>10 practical insights</u> from the storm of the disciples:

Matthew 14:22

Made - (constrained) "to compel," to drive by force, or threats"

Why did Jesus force His disciples into the boat?

John 6:14-15

1. Jesus Led The Disciples Into The Storm: go ahead of Him to the other side,

Matthew 14:23

2. Jesus Was Well Aware Of The Disciples Storm: He went up to the mountain by Himself to pray; He was there alone.

Mark 6:48

Matthew 14:24

John 6:17

3. God Wants To Balance Our Lives:

1 Peter 4:19

Matthew 14:25

- 4. Jesus Came To Them In The Storm: He came to them,
- 5. The Authority Of Jesus Over All Creation: walking on the sea.

Job 9:8

Mark 6:48

Matthew 14:26

Cried out; "To cry from the depths of the throat."

Matthew 14:27

6. The Word Of God Brings Courage: Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take courage,

"I Am! Exodus 3:14

Isaiah 43:1-2

Matthew 14:28-29

7. Jesus Ability To Grant His Authority: He said, "Come!"

Philippians 4:13

John 14:12

Matthew 14:30

8. The Trouble We Bring On Ourselves Thru Unbelief: But seeing the wind, he became afraid, and beginning to sink,

Hebrews 12:1-2

 It Is In Our Times Of Sinking That Our Faith Grows: he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" Literally "Lord save me, and do it quickly."

Matthew 14:31

How Merciful Jesus Is To Our Weak Faith: immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him,

Matthew 14:32-33

10. Worship and Confession go together: note that the storm and the trial led to a new revelation of the true and living God!

Worship - is "acknowledging who God is, then praising Him for who He is and what He has done."

Matthew 14:34

John 6:21

Mark 6:52

Heart was hardened. Literally "To cover with a thick skin, to harden by covering with a callus; metaphor. To lose the power of understanding."

Matthew 14:35

John 6:26-29

Matthew 14:36

Matthew 9:20

Application:

- 1. We need to look for Jesus in our storm and invite Him on board:
- 2. Faith always involves a risk: Getting out of the boat. What new step of faith is God leading me to take?
- 3. Jesus can and will save us in our little faith: God's will for us is to have a growing and maturing faith, "Lord increase our faith!"
- 4. Worship and Confession go together: Worship is acknowledging who God is, then praising Him for who He is and what He has done.

Philippians 1:6