

Jesus Walks On Water

Jesus and his friends were by a lake. Although Jesus liked his friends very much, sometimes, just like all of us, he also liked to be alone, just to think and pray all by himself. Jesus friends had just seen something amazing. Jesus had fed a vast crowd of more than 5000 people with just 5 bread rolls and 2 small fish! They were chattering excitedly about all that had happened, but Jesus felt that he needed some space to be with God. So after the crowd had all gone away, Jesus said to his friends: "You go down to the lake. Get in the boats and row across to the town on the other side. I'll walk around the shore and join you there in a few days."

Jesus friends were a bit worried about leaving him on his own, but Jesus insisted. So they went.

Jesus friends were in their boat out on the lake. It was nearly dark and there was a strong wind blowing against them so they couldn't use the sails. They were straining on the oars, rowing as hard as they could, but they still made very little progress.

Suddenly in the dim light one of them thought he saw something.

"What's that!" he shouted. "Over there!"

They all looked, and to their amazement they could see something moving across the water. At first they couldn't make out what it was. But as it came nearer they all began to feel a bit uneasy, then rather frightened, and then completely terrified! It was a person, a person walking, a person walking across the water. A person walking across the water just like they were walking on the dry land!

They all went white with fear. They wanted to shout, Help! But none of them could say anything. They just sat in the boat and stared with wide eyes as the figure got nearer to them.

Suddenly though they heard a voice:

"Why are you looking so scared? It's only me!"

It ... it ... it was Jesus. Or was it? Jesus friends didn't know what to do.

Peter, one of Jesus friends, suddenly said:

"If it is you Jesus, tell me to get out of the boat and walk on the water with you,"

"Come on then," said Jesus. "Trust me."

All the others watched in horror as Peter climbed out of the boat. And then they watched in amazement as he began to walk on the water.

"Look at me!" shouted Jesus to Peter.

But Peter began to look around at the swirling water and the gusting wind. He took his eyes off of Jesus and then began to get scared, and as he got scared so he began to sink.

"Help! Save me Jesus!" he shouted.

Jesus reached out his hand and caught hold of Peter.

"You must trust me!" said Jesus. "Nothing is impossible if you trust me!"

The two of them clambered into the boat. The disciples were amazed, although Peter was soaking wet, Jesus was completely dry. There wasn't a drip of water on him!

Without saying a word they made room for Jesus and then picked up the oars to start rowing. But when they looked ahead they could hardly believe their eyes. They were no longer in the middle of the lake where they had been, but they were right across the other side, just a few yards from the town.

Without saying a word, they rowed the last little bit and tied up the boat. Jesus jumped out. "Come on," he said. "Lets get something to eat." His friends followed him in a daze. They could hardly believe all that had happened.

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