

When God Says...

Part 3: Come

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A Tough Day for Jesus

The rejection in Nazareth (*Matthew 13:53-58*)

His best friend John is murdered (*Matthew 14:1-12*)

Jesus withdraws to be alone (*Matthew 14:13*)

Jesus handles some “office work and ministry reports” (*Mark 6:30*)

Jesus tries again to be alone (*Mark 6:31*)

Jesus is pursued by a crowd, has compassion on them, teaches them, heals the sick, and feeds 5000 plus (*Matthew 14:13-20*)

And then...

Matthew 14:22-33

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake.

²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them:

“Take courage! – A statement of hope

It is I. – A statement of revelation

Don’t be afraid.” – A statement of comfort

²⁸ “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”

²⁹ **“Come,” he said. – An invitation into an adventure**

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him.

"You of little faith," he said, "Why did you doubt?" – A question for all of us

A Quick Rabbit Trail on Worry

Worry is futile (*Luke 12:25-31*)

Worry is momentary practical atheism (*Matthew 6:25-34*)

Worry is locked in the world of "what if";

faith lives in the world of "who is" (*Philippians 4:6-7*)

Worry is not godly concern (*Matthew 6:33*)

The greatest weapon against worry is worship.

³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Next Steps

If you accepted the invitation of Jesus today to simply come, we invite you to come down to the front of the auditorium after the service and get a packet of information from one of the prayer team members. The packet will help you take the next step on your journey with Jesus.

Small Group Questions

- 1) What has life been like for you in the last 24 hours? Any significant moments?
- 2) Which part of "A Tough Day for Jesus" in this outline can you relate to the most? Why?
- 3) Of the 5 statements Jesus said to his disciples in Matthew 14:27-31, is there one you feel God is speaking to you right now? How will you respond?
- 4) What do you believe is the difference between worry and godly concern?
- 5) Is there a worry in your life right now that you could counteract with the truth, "Truly you are the Son of God"?
- 6) How can we pray for your right now and throughout the week?