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MATTHEW 14:22-33 • TEACHING PICTURE 1

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The day had been long for Jesus and His disciples. Large crowds had come to hear Jesus teach. Now it was getting dark. Jesus told His disciples to get in a boat and to go to the other side of the Sea of Galilee.

They left and Jesus went off by Himself to pray.

When the disciples reached the middle of the lake, a storm came. The water became rough. Controlling the boat was hard because the waves were so high.

Suddenly, the men in the boat saw a shape coming toward them on the water! The shape was a man's shape, but people can't walk on water. The disciples thought it was a ghost! They were very afraid.

But the shape was a man. Jesus spoke. He said, "It is I. Don't be afraid."

Peter spoke from the boat. He asked Jesus to command Peter to come to Him.

Jesus did, and Peter got out of the boat. He began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when Peter heard the loud winds and saw the waves crashing around him, he was afraid. He began to sink. He cried out: "Lord, save me, or I will drown!"

Jesus put out His hand and held Peter up so that he did not sink. He asked Peter why he was afraid. He would take care of Peter and save him from being hurt.

Jesus held firmly to Peter, and the two men came to the boat and climbed in.

Suddenly, the wind was calm, and the water and boat became still. The twelve disciples were amazed. They worshiped Jesus and said, "Truly You are the Son of God."

—Based on Matthew 14:22-33