

Matthew 14:22-36

Regarding surrendering our false view of Jesus

- Describe a time when you believed something to be true that turned out to be false?
- What false views of Jesus do you have to be wary of?

Matthew 14:22-33 Jesus and Peter walk on water

Some details from other gospels that record part of this event:

- Luke 9:10-11 Suggests the disciples departed from near Bethsaida
- John 6:19 Says that the disciples had gone 3-3.5 miles from shore.

The total distance, if travelling straight line, from Bethsaida to Gennesaret is roughly 5 miles.

- Describe the worst weather you were ever in on a small boat (if none describe a time you experienced a scary storm).
- Why did Jesus send the disciples away?
- Why do you think that the disciples feared a ghost? What is a significant fear or concern you have in your life?
- Why did Peter want to approach Jesus on the water?
- What new insights about Jesus did Peter and the other disciples have from this experience? Why did they say "surely you are the Son of God"?
- What can you do to deal with the fear or concern you shared above?

Matthew 14:34-36 Healing in Gennesaret

Recall Matthew 9:20 regarding the people wanting to touch Jesus garment.

- What do you think the people understood about Jesus?
- Does this passage offer any more insight about Jesus rejection in Nazareth?