

Title: *The Proper Response to Christ's Authority and Power
Is Faith and Worship*

Text: Matthew 14:22-36

Theme: The power that Jesus displayed in walking on the water was a foretaste of His power to triumph over the forces of sin, death, and hell. Your only reasonable response to all that Christ has done is to trust, obey, and to worship.

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IV. Applications

A. Christ's power and control over _____ and _____ does not mean you will never enter _____ times in life.

B. The reason why we _____ is because we get our eyes and focus off _____ and His _____ and put more trust in what we _____ and _____.

C. Christ Jesus imparts the _____ of His power and authority to us that we might come to Him and _____ His _____.

D. The only proper and reasonable _____ to the power and authority of Christ is the response of _____ and _____.

Next Week Read: Matthew 15:1-20

Questions to Discuss at Home or in Small Groups

1. What did Jesus compel His disciples to do after the feeding of the five thousand (v. 22a)?
What was Jesus doing while the disciples were engaged in this (v. 22b)?
2. What did Jesus do after dismissing the crowd of people (v. 23)?
3. What happened to the disciples while Jesus was praying on the mountain (v. 24)?
4. How far across the sea were the disciples when Jesus decided to rejoin them (v. 24a)?
5. About what time did Jesus decide to rejoin His disciples (v. 25)?
6. How did Jesus approach His disciples (v. 25b)?
7. How did the disciples react when they saw Jesus approaching (v. 26)?
8. How did Jesus greet His frightened disciples (v. 27)?
9. What happened after Jesus assured His disciples that it was He whom they were seeing walking on the water (v. 28)?
10. What did Peter do after realizing it was Jesus walking on the water (v. 29)?
11. What happened at some point while Peter was walking on the water (v. 29)?
12. After Jesus rescued Peter from sinking, what did He say to Him (v. 31)?
13. What happened when Jesus and Peter got into the boat (v. 32)?
14. How did the disciples react when all of this happened (v. 33)?
15. Where did Jesus and His disciples land (v. 34)?
16. What happened when they arrived (v. 35)? What special instance of healing happened (v. 36)?
17. How do skeptics attempt to explain away the miracles of Jesus?
18. How does this episode imply the deity of Christ Jesus?
19. If Jesus has all power and control over everything, why do you suppose the Lord often leads you into hard and difficult situations and circumstances in life?
20. Has the presence and the power of Christ ever frightened you? When? How?
21. How does the power of Christ come to you in your struggle against sin?

22. When do you find yourself most often doubting the presence or the power of Christ?
Why do you think you doubt? What helps you overcome your doubts and fears?
23. How does Christ impart the benefits of His power and authority to His Church? How does He impart His power and authority to you in particular?
24. How might you serve others by employing the power and authority that Christ imparts?
25. What prompts you to stand in awe of Christ Jesus and to worship Him as the Son of God?