



Jesus Stills the Disciples

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Matthew 8:23-27

And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him, saying, “Save us, Lord; we are perishing.” And he said to them, “Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?” Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. And the men marveled, saying, “What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?”

The Context of Matthew 8:23-27

- Literary Context
- Historical Context
- Geographical Context



Matthew 8:23-24a, 25

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Matthew 8:24b

“...but he [Jesus] was asleep.”

The image features a white, torn-edge paper shape centered on a dark background. The background is a gradient of dark blue and black, with a faint image of a sea with waves visible at the bottom. The white shape has a rough, hand-torn appearance, with irregular edges and some internal texture. The text is centered within this white shape.

Matthew 8:26a

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Matthew 8:26b-27

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Matthew 14:26-27

But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; **it is I [I AM].** Do not be afraid.”



Matthew 14:28-33

And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So, Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, **“Truly you are the Son of God.”**

Take-Away Points (TAPs)

The greatest faith is
always a peaceful
faith.

Faith grows by
testing and by
growing in the
knowledge of the
God of our faith.