



Simon's Sink

Mt.14:22-33

22-23

- Dismissed disciples: *compel, force*
- Jn.6:14-15, political danger

24-25

- Tormented (8:29)
- “Middle of sea” (long way from land)
- Mk.6:48, straining at oars . . . wind
- “Fourth watch” – 3-6 a.m.

26

- **No mere man can walk on water...**

27

- **“Do not be afraid”**

28-30

- **Peter: mixture of faith & doubt**

**Walked on water;
came to Jesus**

**Saw waves;
began to sink**

31

- **Jesus saved as soon as Peter called . . . then addressed his faith / heart**

32-33

- **“Wind ceased”**
- **Saved other disciples as well**
- **Worthy of worship**

I. Simon Sank In Sin

- 1. Mt.14, Peter's faith drowns in doubt**
- 2. Mt.16:21-23, sets Jesus straight**
- 3. Mt.17:24-27, answers for Jesus**
- 4. Mt.26:31-35, wins boasting contest**
- 5. Mt.26:40, instead of dying, dozing**
- 6. Jn.18:10, must cut out his cutting up**
- 7. Mt.26:69-75, loses his memory (3 x)**
- 8. Mt.18:21, 32, forgiveness (7 x)**
- 9. Ga.2:11-14, the actor**

I. Simon Sank In Sin

II. Simon Sank In The Sea

1. Peter is not a bad person

- Left all to follow Jesus, Mt.19:27
- More zeal than knowledge, Ro.10:1-3
- Kept falling because kept getting up
- Not afraid to try anything, Mt.14 / 26
- Not alone: every other disciple failed

1. Peter is not a bad person

2. Peter did some things right

- **Walked on water (courage: left boat)**
- **Believed Lord's power (Mt.8:27; Lk.5:8). Mt.10**
- **Walked to Jesus, not away from Him**
- **Learned from his mistakes**

Acts 2, preached truth to hostile audience

Acts 3-5, stood w/o compromise... Acts 12

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3. Peter sank because of . . .

'little faith' (31)

- **Mt.6:30**
- **Mt.8:26**
- **Mt.16:8**

**Faith easier to
profess than practice**

**Little faith seen
in three ways**

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1) **Focus (30): he **saw** wind / waves...**

- He did not launch boat w/o Lord's command or jump rashly into sea (29)
- He let wind/waves take eyes off Jesus
- Hb.12:2, our focus? (Nu.21)

Problems


Health

Money

Job

Family

Doubt

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- 1) Focus (30): he saw...
- 2) **Fear (30): he was afraid...**
 - **He panicked; terror replaced trust**
 - **Rv.21:8**

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- 2) Fear (30): he was afraid...

3) Familiar waters

- He knows dangers of sea (no one walks it) Mt.8:23-27

**With God, impossibility is opportunity,
but not w/o dangers. Mt.26. 1 Pt.4:2-4**

Conclusions

1. We relate to Peter:

**We want to do our
best . . .**

**We often sink . . .
Ga.5:17; Ja.3:1-2**

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2. Peter kept falling, but kept getting up

Mt.14: to walk on water, Peter must:

- 1. Trust**, not doubt
- 2. Travel**, not despair
- 3. Triumph**, not decline

**Mt.26, to remain
loyal to Christ...
must Trust....**

**Lord could use
Peter. Jn.21
Ac.2; 4:13; 1 Pt.5:10**

Conclusions

1. We relate to Peter
2. Peter kept falling, but kept getting up
- 3. Lord saw disciples' trouble / anguish**

No one else could . . .

- 1. have seen them (1 Pt.3:12). Perception**
- 2. come to them (no boat). Power**
- 3. help them after coming. Permission**
- 4. have waited so long (Jn.11). Patience**

Conclusions

“I pray...but nothing happens”

✓ **Focus on Him, not wind or waves, 27**

1. **“I AM” recalls Ex.3:14**

2. **Three miracles:**

Jesus

Peter

Storm

- **33: *worshipped Him . . . Son of God***
 - **Mt.8:27 – 2 Pt.3:11 – Ac.4:13**

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Ro.8:31

For us

Forgiving

Patient

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- ✓ Trust Him...even when He does not come as soon as we want (25). Ro.8:31
- ✓ **Obey Him.**

Keep rowing until He comes for us.

2 Pt.3; Rv.21:1, 4