

# Walking on Water and Walking among Gentiles

Sermon 46 in the Matthew Series

## Matthew 14:22-36; 15:21-39

### I. Jesus, Walking on the Water -- Matthew 14:22-33

#### A. William Hendricksen's Outline

1. Separation, storm and stress v. 22-24
2. Fright v.25-26
3. Reassurance v. 27
4. Wavering v. 28-31
5. Worship v. 32-33

#### B. The Miracle is Recorded here and in Mark and John.

1. Mark does not mention of Peter coming out to walk on the sea.
2. Mark tells us Jesus looked as though he would have “passed them by”.
3. All 3 accounts note Jesus said, “Be of good cheer. It is I. Be not afraid.”
4. John adds some important detail -- John 6:15-21
  - 1) Jesus withdrew because the crowd was so enamored by the miracle of the feeding of the 5,000, they were ready to make him king.
  - 2) John adds another miracle – found in v. 21
  - 3) The rest of John 6 highlights Jesus as the bread of life and the true bread which came down from heaven.
5. An Old Testament Connection  
Psalm 107:23-32  
Psalm 89:8-9

#### C. Observations from Matthew's Account

1. While the disciples battled the storm – Jesus was praying for them. 22-23
2. The wind was “contrary” to them v. 23b-24
3. He not only prayed for them – He rescued them! V. 25-27
4. Turn your eyes upon Jesus v. 28-32
5. The disciples worshipped him v. 33

## II. Healing our Diseases -- Matthew 14:34-36

## III. The Healing of the Gentile Woman's Daughter Matt. 15:21-28

We will deal with this by way of observation.

v. 21 – This was Gentile territory ruled by Phillip – the ex-husband of Herodias.

Mark 7:24 -- From there He arose and went to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And He entered a house and wanted no one to know *it*, but He could not be hidden.

The language of “dogs” (v. 26 & 27).

Phil 3:23 – metaphorically – one who corrupts the truth of God.

Rev. 22:14-15 – metaphorically those shut out of the kingdom.

O.T. – metaphorically, the Gentiles

Christ uses a diminutive form of the word “dog”. “little dogs” or “house dogs”.

v.27 -- The woman seems to grasp it as a ray of hope.

v. 28 -- Only two people are praised in the book of Matthew for “their faith”.

This Gentile woman and the Gentile Centurion in Matthew 8.

## IV. Ministering in a Gentile Land 15:29-31

Foreshadowing the gospel going into all nations.

## V. Feeding the 4,000 15:32-39

## Final Observations and Applications

1. Notice the compassion of the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. People often care much more for their physical needs than the spiritual.
3. The importance of being persevering in prayer.
4. She worshipped him before her daughter was healed, even after she was basically told “no”.