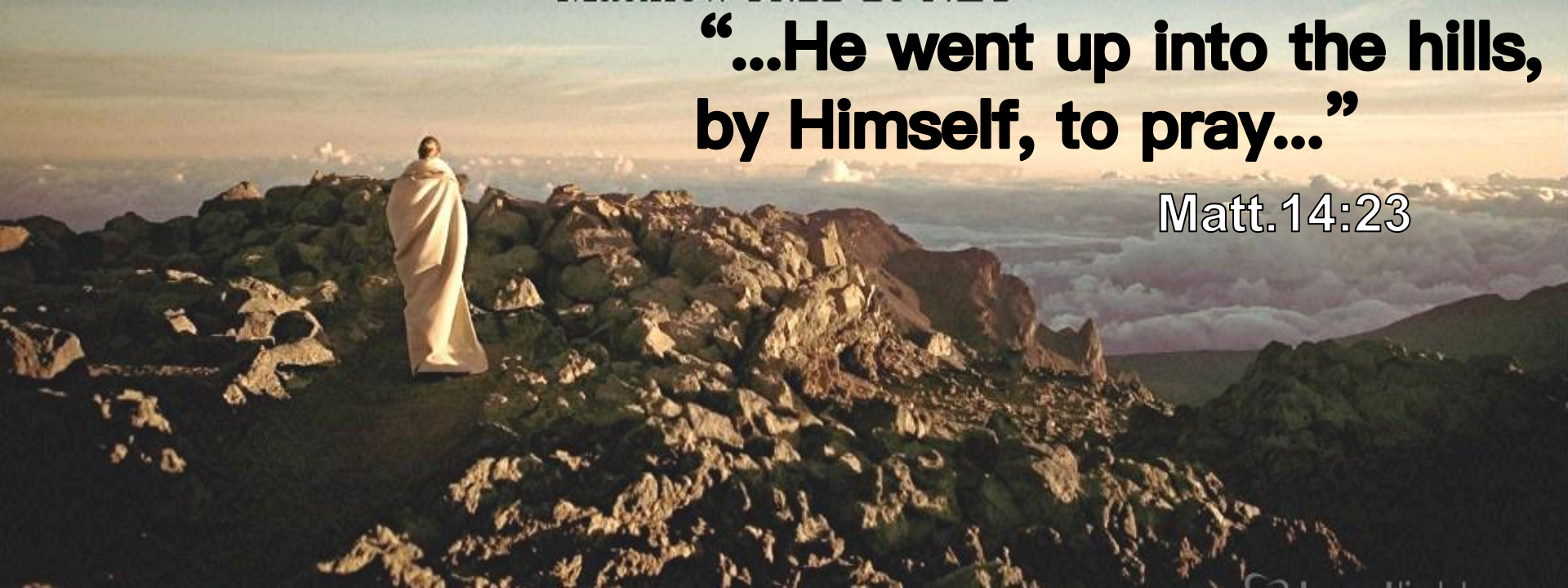


- It was Herod Antipas' wife who wanted John killed
- John had publicly denounced Herod's marriage as an illicit union and violation of The Law of Moses
- Herod worried that John's followers might riot
- Herod made a vow in front of his guests to do whatever his step-daughter asked for, so he had no choice but to kill John or lose face

A person wearing a long white robe stands on a rocky mountain peak, looking out over a vast landscape of rolling hills and valleys under a sunset sky. The person is positioned on the left side of the frame, facing right.

**“...He went up into the hills,  
by Himself, to pray...”**

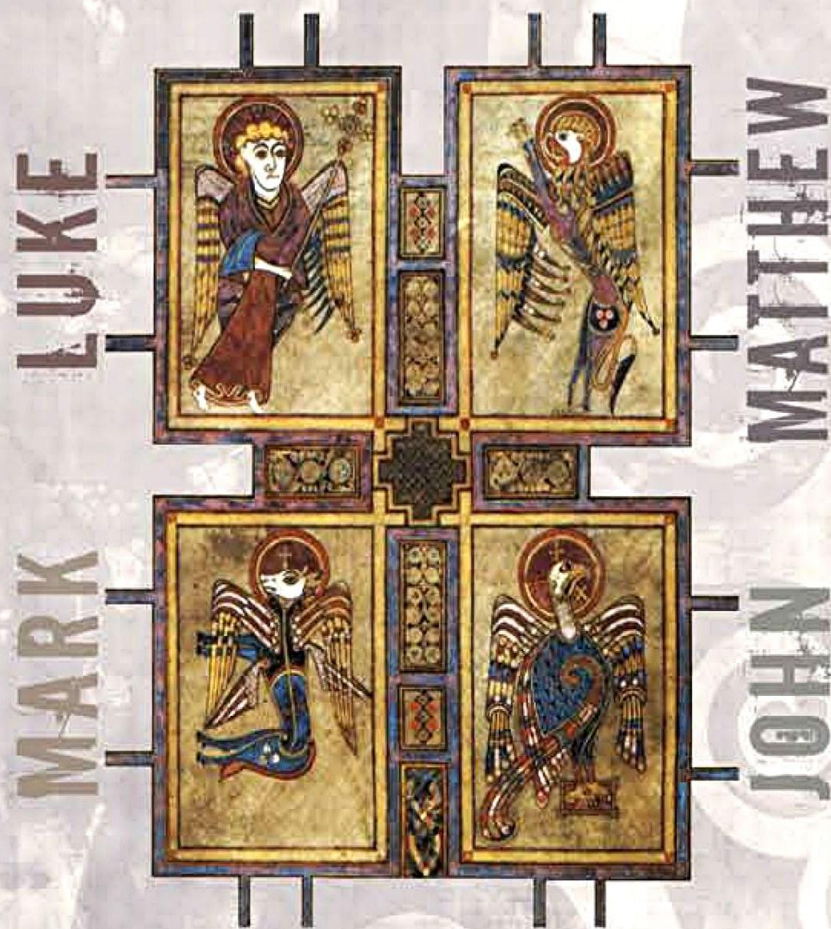
**Matt.14:23**

- Christ was in Herod Antipas’ territory
- Crowds of about 10,000 found Him; He healed them and then ordered the disciples to feed them with only the 5 loaves and 2 fishes they had brought with them
- The story of walking-on-water is also told in Mark and in John
- Matthew 14:23 – 38, Mark 6:45 – 56, John 6:16 - 21

- There are differences in the Gospel accounts that can be attributed to the perspectives of witnesses
- Each writer wrote from 30 to 60 years after the fact
- With the passage of time, more info became apparent
- Not able to find solitude the 1<sup>st</sup> time, Yeshua tried again after sending the crowds & disciples away
- Disciples got into a boat and headed towards the opposite shore

# GOSPELS

## SIDE BY SIDE



# DISCIPLES GOING HOME



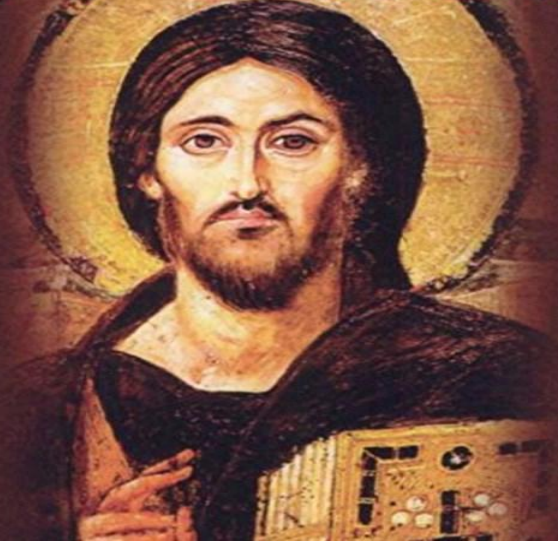
- Disciples left and were 1 or 2 miles away when a storm erupted
- Mark says their destination was Bethsaida
- Matthew says they wound up at Gennesaret
- John says they went towards Capernaum
- Gennesaret = Ginosar
- The famous Jesus Boat museum is at Nof Ginosar in modern Israel



- The 4<sup>th</sup> watch = 3 a.m. – 6 a.m.
- Mark says Yeshua “saw” the boat was in trouble
- **Eido** = see with eyes or to know
- Yeshua began walking on the water towards the boat
- The disciples screamed in terror “It’s a ghost!!”
- Water was mystical and associated with evil spirits and scary creatures that lived in the deep



Christ  
is  
Wisdom



- Only God walks on water
- Job 9:7 – 8
- Psalm 77:19 – 20
- Genesis 1:1 – 2
- Seeing Yeshua was an epiphany
- In that era Wisdom was seen as a “person” of God
- Book of Sirach 24
- Matthew has gone to great lengths to project Yeshua as the embodiment of Wisdom

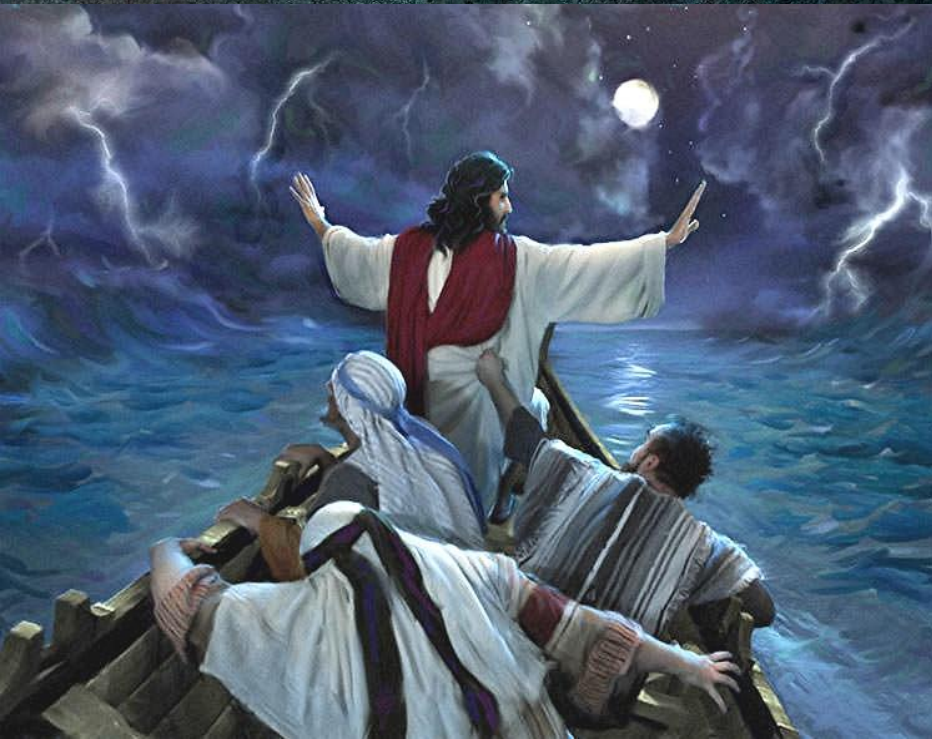


- Yeshua says that “it is I”, and not to be afraid
- Only Matthew has Peter exiting the boat
- Peter walked on the surface... but then sank
- At first his excitement overcame his fears
- Peter yells out “Lord, save me”, and Yeshua does

- “So little trust”
- Peter is representative of us all
- *Diastazein* = divided mind
- It is natural human behavior to focus more on our fears than on God
- Focusing on God takes concentration, effort, and determination
- Peter was fine when he focused on Jesus
- When his focus switched to the storm it became bigger than Yeshua







# FEAR NOT

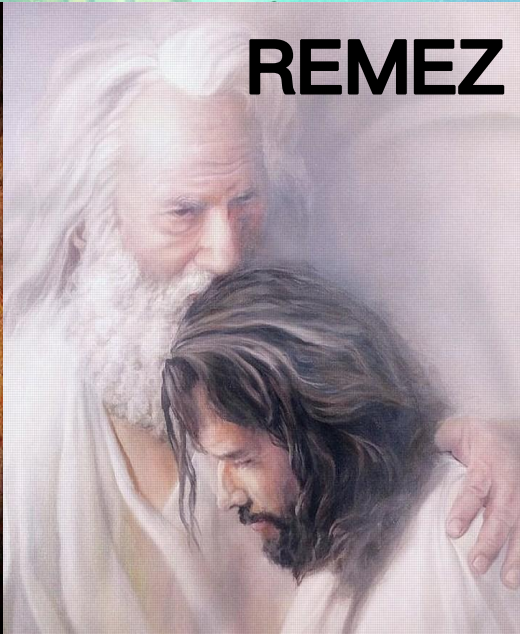
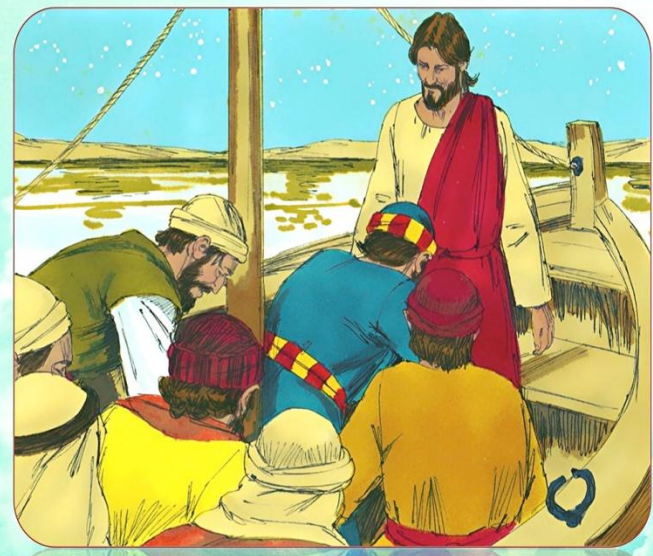
- 2020: A world in chaos
- Fear is the opposite of faith
- Trust and faith is not more prayer; trust and faith is living out our prayers
- When a Believer is sinking, our Savior is there for us
- Psalm 69:1 – 3
- A failure of faith WILL occur, because we're human beings
- But this does not mean we have abandoned God or that He has abandoned us

- The disciples discovered something they had not been able to accept
- Matt. 3:16 – 17
- Son of God is a biblical term for a king of Israel
- But now the disciples understand that Yeshua is deity; God's offspring
- Mark 6:52 is NOT about how the disciples responded to the walking-on-water miracle; but rather to the fishes and loaves miracle

# ‘Truly You are

# the Son of God!

Matthew 14:33



# YESHUA'S TZITZIT



- Vss. 34 – 36 a summary
- When Yeshua lands at Ginosar (Gennesaret) the people recognize Him
- A crowd gathers to plead for healing
- Yeshua wore *tzitzit*, not fringes
- Numbers 15:38 – 41
- Merely touching His *tzitzit* healed

