How to Walk on Water
Matt. 14:22-33

Introduction:

    A. Walking on water was no problem for Jesus.

        1. Was the son of God (v. 33).

        2. Miracles confirmed his claim to deity (John 20:30, 31).

    B. Walking on water became a problem for Peter (v. 30).

    C. Walking on water would not be problem for anyone — if proper steps are taken:

Discussion:

I. *Wait* **on Word from the Lord Before Taking the First Step.**

    A. Peter received word from Jesus to walk on water (vv. 28-29).

        1. Could now walk by faith (Rom. 10:17).

        2. Could not walk on his own — no matter how much he believed he could.

        3. Only Peter received this word.

            a. Some instructions not for everyone (O. T., Young ruler, Thief)

            b. Miraculous power not for everyone (cf. 1 Cor 13:8-13).

    B. Religious people today need to wait for word from the Lord.

        1. On the plan of salvation (Mk. 16:15, 16; Acts 2:38) — No word on sprinkling, praying through, faith alone, etc.

        2. On worship to God (Eph. 5:19; Acts 2:42; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2) — No word on instrumental music, candle services, fund raising schemes.

        3. On church organization (Acts 14:23; Phil. 1:1) — No word of any other organization.

        4. On church names (Rom 16:16; 1 Cor. 1:1, etc.) — No word on denominational names.

        5. On church work (2 Cor 11:8; 1 Cor. 16:1, 2; Eph. 4:12-16) — No word on social, political, etc.

II. *Walk* **by Faith in the Lord Each Step of the Way.**

    A. Peter began to sink as his faith wavered (vv. 30-31)

        1. Distracted by the storm — we are often distracted by life's storms.

        2. Saved by the Lord's hand — when sinking ask the Lord to save.

    B. We must learn to walk by faith in the Lord and His word.

        1. Involves His ability, instructions, and promises.

        2. Involves believing what the Bibles says about punishment and reward, providence, etc.

Conclusion:

    A. Want to walk on water? — no problem, IF the Lords says, "come."

    B. Want to do anything in religion? — no problem, IF the Lord says do it.

    C. Once the Lord says do it, then do it believing in Him who said do it.