



Series: Questions Jesus Asked

Passage: Matthew 14 – Luke 22

Title: Questions Jesus Asked, Part 4

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Discussion Starter – What are some of the things in your life that have challenged you in your walk of faith with God?

Read Matthew 14:22-33.

- 1) What had just happened prior to Jesus telling the disciples to get in the boat and go to the other side of the Sea of Galilee? What significant details are added to this story in John 6:14-15?
- 2) Why do you think Jesus allowed the disciples to be all alone in the storm?
- 3) How long do you think the disciples were out in the water? How far had they gotten before Jesus appeared to them and what was their response when they first saw Him?
- 4) Jesus tells them not to be afraid, but of good cheer. How does Peter ask Jesus to confirm that it is Him? Why do you think Peter did this, and what was Jesus' response?
- 5) Describe the events that take place next as Peter steps out of the boat and walks towards Jesus. What can we learn from the question Jesus asks Peter? Why should Peter have not doubted?
- 6) What are some of the reasons people doubt God?
 - a. What are some of the things that have caused you to be doubtful in your walk with Christ?
 - b. How has Jesus called you to step out in your faith recently? What are some of the things that might be hindering you from fully embracing His call on your life?

Read Luke 22:39-46

- 7) Jesus takes His disciples to the Mount of Olives to pray together as He goes a distance away to pray with the Father. What do you think was the context of the temptation Jesus was referring to, for them not to fall into? What do you think Jesus wanted them to pray about?
- 8) Who appears to Jesus and what does this reveal to us about Jesus and His incarnation?
- 9) When Jesus finishes praying, He finds the disciples all sleeping from sorrow. Why do you think the disciples are said to have fallen asleep because of sorrow?
- 10) Sometimes praying is hard. Jesus commands them to wake up and pray so they do not fall into temptation. He is saying don't be spiritually lazy. What are some of the reasons people are spiritually lazy?
- 11) Read Matthew 26:40-41. What insights are gained from this passage as to the benefits that praying has in our walk as Christians?
 - c. What are some of the areas of your life that this message has encouraged you to take a closer look at as to the root causes to where you might be spiritually lazy?
 - d. What areas of your life do you think you need more spiritual passion?