

Learning to Worship Jesus through the Storm
Matthew 14:22-33 (Page 820 in Pew Bible)

Observations & Implications

- I. **Because Jesus greatly loves His disciples, He purposely increases and matures their faith through divinely-appointed trials and storms.**
- If you never go through any trials and storms, you are not one of Jesus' true disciples.
 - Trials are never random or a waste of time for Christians.
- II. **Because Jesus greatly loves His disciples, He is careful to give them His immediate comfort when they become afraid.**
- Christians can take heart and have courage during trials and storms because Jesus is never far away.
 - Christians should never doubt Jesus' love for them. He is praying for them to succeed by faith (Romans 8:26-34).

III. Because Jesus greatly loves His disciples, He never has a “Plan B” for the tests, trials, and storms that He appointed for them to face.

- No trial that you face takes Jesus by surprise.
- Jesus always gives Christians what is best for their spiritual wholeness.

IV. Worshiping Jesus through trials and storms is an ongoing learning experience in the Christian life.

BIG IDEA: In the middle of our greatest trials and fears, Jesus is closer than a step away!

Questions

1. Are you learning how to **submit** to Jesus’ authority and lordship in the middle of trials and storms?
2. Are you learning how to **worship** Jesus when you are in the middle of trials and storms?
3. Are you **truly** one of Jesus’ disciples who trusts and obeys His Word by faith?