PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The King Is Coming

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John 6: 14-15*,* Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world." Therefore when Jesus perceived that **they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king**, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone.

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This is the first place where people would publicly think of Him as king

- *The greatest disparity between **who they think He is**, and **who He really is***

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*They couldn't make Him king. **He already is!***

- *They would try it again on Palm Sunday*

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He cleared that up when He told Pilate, "My kingdom **is not of this world**." ***(****John 18:36****)***

- *We haven't heard anything different from Him since*

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Matthew *&* ***John*** *both tell this story as eye witnesses*

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Matthew 14:22-33

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John 6:19-20*,* So when they had rowed about three or four miles *(in a serious storm!)*, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near the boat; and **they were afraid**. But He said to them, "It is I; **do not be afraid**."

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Matthew 14: 25-27*,* Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; **do not be afraid**."

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Luke 1:11-13*, The angel of the Lord says to Zacharias,* "**Do not be afraid**"

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Luke 1:28-30*, The angel Gabriel says to Mary,* "**Do not be afraid**"

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Matthew 14:28*,* And Peter answered Him and said, "**Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You** on the water."

- *Lord, I can't make this decision on my own.*

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Matthe 14:29-32*,* So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. **But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid**; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, **"Lord, save me!"** And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

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Vs. 28-31*, First he walked **TO** Jesus, in response to his request & Christ's invitation*

- *Then he walked on the water **WITH** Jesus, after his desperate cry for help*

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When do you think his faith was greater? ***(Matt. 5:3)***

- *Both were in response to calling on Him*

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What motivates you in ministry?

- *A desire to help, following an example you admire, a sense of calling; general or specific…*
- *A direct appeal for help, wanting to be like Jesus serving others.* ***(Matthew 20:28)***

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What hinders you from ministry?

- *You don't see yourself in ministry*
- *Other strong influences; career, finances, no time, etc.*
- *Fear of failure*

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Has the Lord ever been so personal with you that you were frightened?

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Miracles are evidence of His restoration purpose

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Do you think that like Philip with the bread, ***He set it up to test Peter?***

- *Has He ever set things up to test you?*
- *It is consistent with how we've seen Him test so many others*
- *I know He's done it with me*

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He took Philip by surprise ***with His question***

- *Now He takes them by surprise* ***with His presence***
- *How do we respond?*
- *Do we only anticipate Him* ***in our expectations****?*

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John 6:16-20*,* Now when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea, got into the boat, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was already dark, and Jesus had not come to them. Then the sea arose because a great wind was blowing. So when they had rowed about three or four miles, **they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near the boat; and they were afraid**. But He said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid."

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How often does Jesus approach us ***unexpectedly****, in an* ***unfamiliar*** *manner…*

- *Maybe we don't recognize Him and we're fearful, or apprehensive?*

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He wants us to live outside the boxes we've constructed for Him in our lives

- *And calls us to join Him* ***outside of our definitions*** *for Him*

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The King Is coming… He's coming ***for*** *you…*

- *Because He wants you* ***to be with Him***

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Matthew 6:10*,* "In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. **Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."**