

Bible/College Class Notes – Studies in Matthew – Lesson 137

The Saviour Comes and Begins His Work

This week – The Lord demonstrates His Deity, His power, and His compassion.

Jesus stretched forth His hand, and caught him, and said unto him, “O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt.” *Matthew 14v31*

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the Bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Matthew 14v23-36 (The Lord walks on the sea)	
Monday	Matthew 11v1-15 (The Lord's compassion)	
Tuesday	Matthew 11v16-30 (The Lord says Come unto Me)	
Wednesday	Isaiah 34v1-14 (I am the Lord your God, your Saviour)	
Thursday	Isaiah 34v15-28 (I am the Lord God, your Creator)	
Friday	Hebrews 4 (Trusting belief or doubting unbelief?)	
Saturday	Ephesians 1 (Chosen by God to trust in Christ)	

Important Thought for us Today: What is death? Death is the separation of our God given eternal soul from our temporal body. The soul lives for ever. The body dies and decays, awaiting The Resurrection. Death entered our world when Adam disobeyed God by eating the Fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Genesis 2v16,17. Everyone must face death until the Lord returns.

Should we be afraid of death? The answer is either no, or yes.

But we do not have to be afraid. Because God in His mercy has sent His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to take the punishment of sin upon Himself on the cross. If we believe that He died for us, sincerely repent our sin, and follow Him obediently, then death will be our doorway into Eternal Heaven.

But if we die in our sin, refusing to bow in humble repentance and faith before God, then the answer is **Yes, we should be afraid.** The holy God cannot allow us into His glorious Heaven but must send us away into Eternal Hell. **Peter nearly drowned, but he cried out, “Lord, save me.”**

Hymn 195 – The amazing fact that we can have such a Friend as Jesus Christ.

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| 2. I've found a Friend, O, such a Friend!
He bled, He died to save me;
And not alone the gift of life,
But His own life He gave me:
Nought that I have my own I call,
I hold it for the Giver;
My heart, my strength, my life, my all,
Are His, and His for ever. | 4. I've found a Friend, O, such a Friend!
So kind, and true, and tender;
So wise a Counsellor and Guide,
So mighty a Defender:
From Him Who loves me now so well
What power my soul can sever?
Shall life, or death, or earth, or hell?
No, I am His for ever! |
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EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible

The Feeding of 5,000 Men, and Walking on The Sea.

○ The Lord Performs Two Miracles - Demonstrating that He is God: -

1. **The compassionate feeding of 5,000 men**, (as well as women and children), using 5 loaves and 2 small fish, and later with 12 baskets of left-over scraps gathered.
2. **The rescue of Peter** when he walked on the sea – in fear he doubted and sank.

○ An Extraordinary Night.

At evening the Lord sends His disciples across the sea to the opposite shore and goes up into the mountain to pray to His Father. In the night, between 3 and 6am, when they are about 3 miles from land, a great and terrifying storm blows up.

The Lord walks across the sea towards them. To calm their fear, He calls out to them, **“Be of good cheer, it is I, be not afraid.”** Matthew 14v27.

Peter called out, **“Lord, if it be Thou, bid me come unto Thee on the water.”** v28

Peter started boldly, but when he saw the large waves, he became very afraid and took his eyes off the Lord. As he began to drown, He cried out **“Lord, save me”**.

The Lord saved him. When they entered the boat, the wind immediately ceased.

The Lord rebuked Peter for his lack of faith in this time of extreme difficulty.

○ What Does This Miraculous Event Teach Us About: -

- **The Lord?** – Surely, He **must** be God The Son, the Creator. **He made the sea.**
- **His Character?** – The Lord **never** used His power for selfish gain, but to help others who were in need. He walked on the stormy sea to bring comfort to His disciples; setting their minds at rest; showing them His divine nature. **He cares for us.**
- **Conversion?** – The Lord said, **“Come”** to Peter. **He says ‘Come’ to us.**
Peter immediately responded in bold faith. Miraculously, the Lord enabled him to walk on the water during this great storm. **This was a unique, miraculous, event.**
The Lord did this for a purpose – to show us that He can, and will, do miraculous things in our lives. If we look to Him in faith, He will save us from the awful sins of our hearts which seek to ‘drown us’, and from the evil of this wicked world which is heading for God’s righteous judgement. **Only the Lord has the power to forgive us.**

Satan will hurl ‘winds of temptation’ at us, friends at school will sneer at our interest in God, the scientifically flawed Theory of Evolution will be forced on us, social media and immoral images will bombard us. All seeking to destroy our interest in the truth of the Lord our God.

○ A New Day Dawns.

- **Once truly saved by the Lord** we will be ashamed of our former doubts and fears; we will be determined to serve Him only, our newfound Saviour and dearest Friend.

A guilty sinner is forgiven, their character is changed to love and obey God, spiritual life is given.

The disciples declared, “Of a truth Thou art The Son of God.” Matthew 14v33.

The Lord Jesus said, **“Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.”** Matthew 11v28,29.