**“Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”**

**Matt 11:28**

 Why is there so much corruption, unrest & violence? Things were difficult in time of Jesus too.

**In Matt 14:13 Jesus had just heard of the beheading (murder) of John the Baptist, His cousin. “..He departed thence by ship into a desert place apart: and when the people had heard thereof, they followed Him on foot out of the cities.”** How would you feel if the government had just killed your cousin? Jesus just wanted to be alone to talk with His Father, God, His LORD whom He always obeyed.

**Truth 1. God is a good LORD and Creator**.

**V-14 “And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and He healed their sick.”**

**V-15-18 “And when it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, ‘This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy them-selves victuals (food).’ But Jesus said unto them, ‘They need not depart; give ye them to eat.’ And they said unto Him, ‘We have but five loaves and two fishes.’ He said, ‘Bring them hither to Me.’”**

**V-19-21 “And He commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and brake, and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. And they all did eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full. And they that had eaten were about 5000 men besides women and children.”**

**V-22-23 “And straightway Jesus constrained His disciples to get into a ship, and to go before Him unto the other side, while He sent the multitude away. And when He had sent the multitude away, He went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, He was alone.”**

**V-24-25 “But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves, for the wind is contrary. And in the 4th watch (3-6 AM) of the night, Jesus (Christ) went unto them walking on the water.”**

**V-26-28 “And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, ‘It is a spirit;’ and they cried out for fear. But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, ‘Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.’ And Peter answered Him and said, ‘Lord if it be Thou, bid me come unto Thee on the water.’”**

 **Truth 2. All Mankind are in Rebellion Against God: Sin: Rejecting/Doubting God; following our own way as god of our own lives.**

**Truth 3. We may not Realize: God will Judge our Rebellion Against Him.** The penalty is death: separation from God forever. We fear that death. But yet Peter speaks up, “Lord if it be Thou, bid me come unto Thee on the water.”

**V-29 “And He said, ‘Come.’”**

**Truth 4. God sent Jesus to die for us.**

**Truth 5. Jesus would rise the 3rd day as Lord and Savior.**

He calls us to believe in Him, call on Him as our Lord and Savior and follow Him.

**Will you come**? God loves you so much, He has planned during all eternity to bring you back to Himself. Jesus His Son loves you so much, He sacrificed Himself for you by paying your penalty for sin on the cross. Will you believe, put your trust in Him and **come** forward to be saved by faith in Jesus Christ?

 To **come** to God means you are willing to make a change from yourself being Lord of your life to letting God your Creator be Lord of your life who as He is working out His great plan, wants to include you in that wonderful plan of the ages. There will be changes to make when you get out of the boat of what you always knew to follow Jesus when you accept Jesus Christ as Lord & Savior of your life. Peter had to make a change and leave the security he knew and **come down** out of the ship.

**V-29 “..And when Peter was come down out of the ship (with His eyes looking unto Jesus) he walked on the water to go to Jesus.”**

**Heb 12:1-2 “Wherefore seeing we are compressed about with so great a cloud of witnesses (Bible heroes of the past who lived by faith), let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us (God’s plan for our life), looking unto Jesus, the author & finisher of our faith who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.” (Coming again).**

When we believe and accept Jesus as Lord and Savior we are not perfect but we are saved. Praise God! What could be more important than being in right relationship with our perfect, just, holy and loving Creator? Nothing! But Peter took his eyes off Jesus to the wind and waves, the storms of life.

**V-30 “But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid, and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, ‘Lord save me.’”** “Lord save me!”

 Are you at a desperate point in your life? God has not been first in your life. Doing things your own way leaves you in a desperate situation. And you need help? Your loving God and your Savior Jesus Christ are waiting for your call: “Lord, save me.”

 **Will you come**? Will you call on Jesus to save you? If you have already accepted Christ as your Lord and Savior, will you call on the Lord to help you through your trials? **Come forward** and let a counselor pray with you. Please come. Jesus is waiting for you.

**V-31 “And immediately Jesus stretched His hand and caught him (Peter)..”** Oh if Jesus were here to take your hand and rescue you from the trials of life. Jesus is here within every born-again believer now and forever. Do you want to put all your faith in Him to save you? To help you? **Come to Jesus now**.

**V-31 “..Jesus says, ‘O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?’”**

 **V-32 “And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.”**

Jesus brought Peter back into the safety of the boat. It was a miracle among many: the wind ceased.

Jesus solved all their problems. They just needed to put all their faith and trust in Him.

 And He can do that for you, according to His perfect will. Jesus says to the believer:

**Heb 13:5-6 “..I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.”**

 **Now just as Jesus has compassion for any person that comes to Him, He cares about you. Come. With Jesus we must care for one another. As Jesus took the hand of the sinking Peter, let’s take the hand of those next to you. Jesus is with us if you gather in His name. He says, “O you of little faith, why do you doubt?” Let’s agree hand in hand, by faith to love and trust God and help each other.**

**Isa 43:7 “Even everyone that is called by My name: for I have created him for My Glory; I have formed him; yea, I have made him.” We will see what God will do for His Glory.**

**Eph 3:21 “Unto Him be Glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.” Matt 11:28, Jesus says, Just “Come unto Me.” PTL**