

# Matthew 14:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them,  
walking on the sea.

## Analysis

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Jesus' coming to the disciples 'in the fourth watch of the night walking on the sea' demonstrates His power over natural laws. The 'fourth watch' (3-6am) meant the disciples had struggled against the storm for hours. Jesus' walking on water reveals His divine nature—only God treads upon the waves (Job 9:8). His delay until the fourth watch tested their endurance and heightened appreciation for His rescue. He comes precisely when needed, not necessarily when desired.

## Historical Context

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The fourth watch (Roman division) was 3-6am, meaning the disciples had fought the storm most of the night. Jesus had spent this time in prayer on the mountain (v. 23). His walking on water would terrify the disciples, who initially thought Him a spirit (v. 26). This nature miracle reveals Jesus as Creator sovereign over His creation.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How does Jesus' delay in coming during your 'storms' test and strengthen your faith?
2. What does Jesus walking on water teach about His divine nature?

## Interlinear Text

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in the fourth	And	watch	G3588	of the night	went	unto	them
G5067	G1161	G5438		G3571	G565	G4314	G846
ὁ	Ἰησοῦς,	περιπατῶν	ἐπὶ	τῆς	θαλάσσης		
G3588	Jesus	walking	on	G3588	the sea		
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Job 9:8** (Parallel theme): Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea.

**Mark 6:48** (Kingdom): And he saw them toiling in rowing; for the wind was contrary unto them: and about the fourth watch of the night he cometh unto them, walking upon the sea, and would have passed by them.

**John 6:19** (Kingdom): So when they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they see Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the ship: and they were afraid.

**Matthew 24:43** (Parallel theme): But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

**Luke 12:38** (Parallel theme): And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.

**Psalms 104:3** (Parallel theme): Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind:

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