

# Matthew 14:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

## Analysis

**And he said, Come** (ο δὲ εἶπεν, Ἐλθέ, ho de eipen, Elthe)—Christ's one-word invitation empowered the impossible. The same creative word that spoke worlds into existence (Genesis 1:3) now enabled Peter to defy gravity. **When Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water** (καὶ καταβὰς ἀπὸ τοῦ πλοίου ὁ Πέτρος περιεπάτησεν ἐπὶ τὰ ὕδατα, kai katabas apo tou ploiou ho Petros periepatesen epi ta hydata)—the aorist tense indicates Peter actually accomplished this miracle, however briefly.

For several steps, Peter experienced what only Christ could do naturally—mastery over creation. This walking on water wasn't mere levitation but participation in Christ's divine power through faith. The miracle demonstrates that Christ's word alone ('Come') transforms impossibility into reality. Faith activates divine power, enabling believers to accomplish what contradicts natural law when called by Christ.

## Historical Context

In Jewish thought, walking on water demonstrated sovereignty over chaos and creation—attributes belonging to God alone (Job 9:8, Psalm 77:19). Only the Creator could command the waters. By calling Peter to walk on water, Jesus shared his divine prerogative, giving his disciple temporary participation in a miracle that testified to his deity. This event uniquely demonstrates Christ empowering a human to share in a divine work.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. What 'impossible' obedience is Christ calling you to, where his word 'Come' is the only power that can enable your steps?
2. How does Peter's actual success in walking on water (even temporarily) encourage you that Christ-empowered faith can accomplish what seems impossible?
3. Why is Christ's single word 'Come' sufficient to enable miracles, and how does this truth apply to your daily walk of faith?

## Interlinear Text

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ο	δὲ	εἶπεν	έλθεῖν	καὶ	καταβὰς	ἀπὸ	τοῦ	πλοίου
G3588	And	he said	Come	And	was come down	out of	G3588	the ship
	G1161	G2036	G2064	G2532	G2597	G575		G4143
ο	Πέτρος	περιεπάτησεν	ἐπὶ	τὰ	ὑδατα	έλθεῖν	πρὸς	
G3588	when Peter	he walked	on	G3588	the water	Come	to	
	G4074	G4043		G1909	G5204	G2064	G4314	
τὸν	Ἰησοῦν							
G3588	Jesus							
	G2424							

## Additional Cross-References

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**Philippians 4:13** (Parallel theme): I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

**Mark 9:23** (References Jesus): Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

**Acts 3:16** (Parallel theme): And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

**Luke 17:6** (Parallel theme): And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.

**Romans 4:19** (Parallel theme): And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb:

**Matthew 21:21** (References Jesus): Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.