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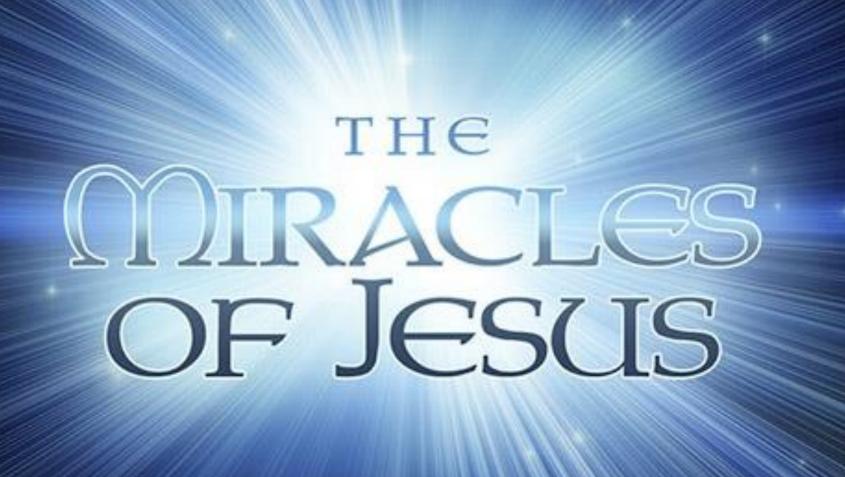




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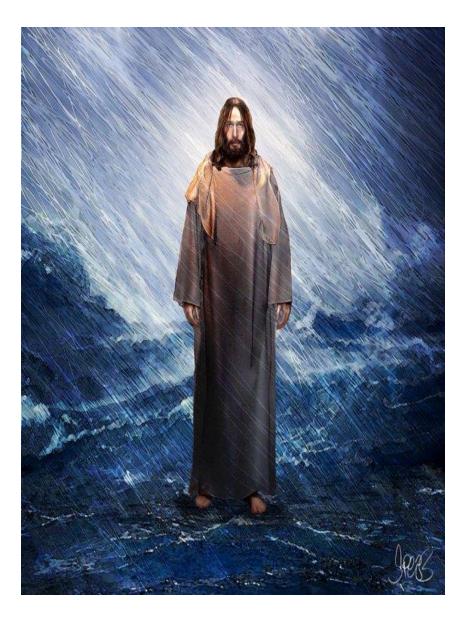


WHAT DO YOU TRULY BELIEVE ABOUT JESUS



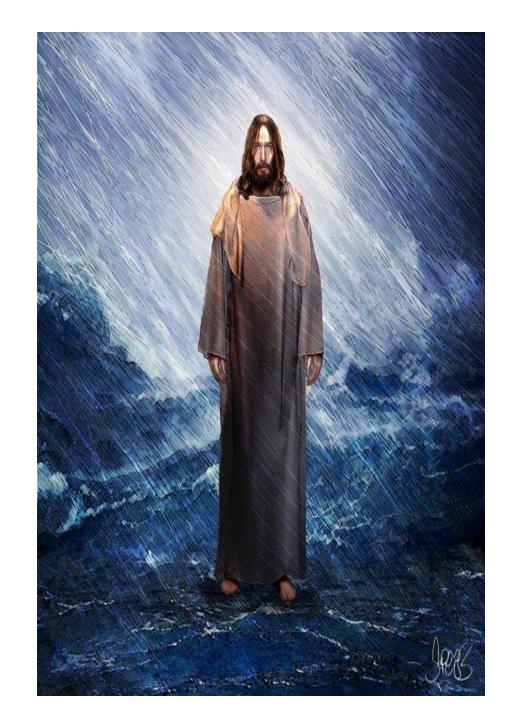
Jesus Walking On The Water Matthew 14:22-33; cf., Mark 6:45-52; John 6:14-21

Introduction



- Many people "think" they really know the Lord Jesus Christ.
- The miracle of Jesus walking on water challenges what we "think" we know.
 - This miracle shows that Jesus is Lord over natural law.
 - This miracle will challenge whether or not we truly trust Him .

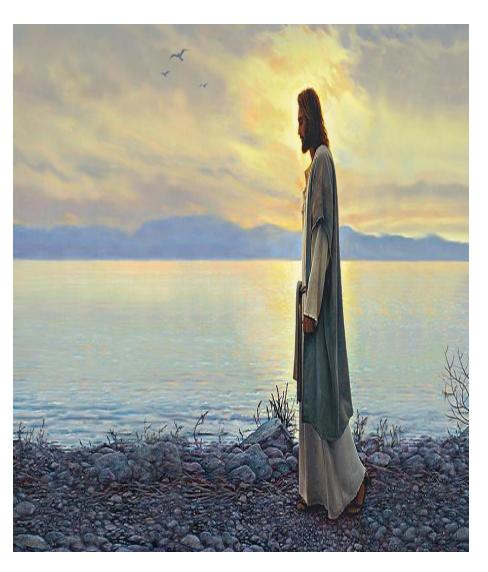
- Lesson: The Lord will use the storms of life to test what we truly believe about Him.
 - Is He Lord and Master?
 - Is He some kind of a fake or master deceiver?
 - Are we being tricked into thinking that He some powerful master of the universe?





- Three problems that test what believe about Jesus:
 - Misconceptions are based on false assumptions.
 - False assumptions lead to false reactions.
 - False reactions are the result of false confidence.

PROBLEM #1: MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT JESUS ARE BASED UPON FALSE <u>ASSUMPTIONS</u> ABOUT JESUS.



- The disciples assumed that they saw a "ghost"
- Some critical liberal scholars deny that Jesus actually walked on water
- Those who believe the inspiration of the Scripture believe that Jesus really did walk on water

Why did the disciples **assume** they had seen a ghost?

- In ancient times, as well as today, people believe that ghost are the souls or spirits of a dead person or animal that can appear to the living.
- They believe that for some reason, ghost have not passed over to the place of the dead.

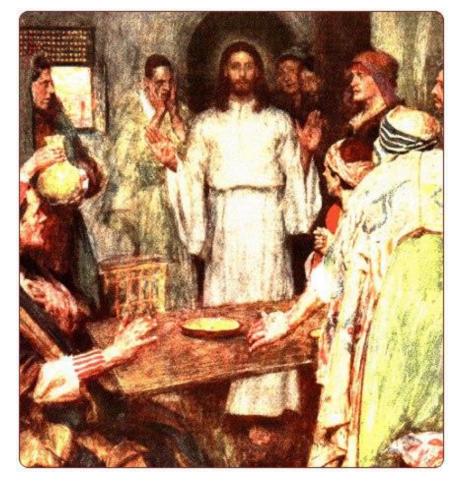


Do ghost exist?

 Saul and the witch of Endor (1Sam.28:3-19



 Jesus claimed He was not a ghost (Lk.24:37-39)



Do ghost exist?

- The overwhelming consensus of science is that ghost do not exist.
- However, most cultures on earth, ancient and modern, still believe in the existence of ghost
- Since ghost are of the supernatural realm, science can neither prove or disprove their existence.

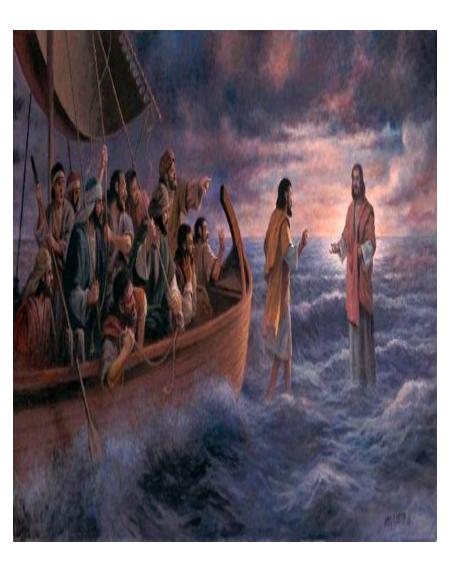
- The Bible teaches that the dead no longer enjoy the pleasures or endure the sorrows of this earthly life.
- The Bible also teaches that when one dies, his soul/spirit goes to heaven or hell.
- The Bible teaches the reality of demons, and forbids the calling up of the dead through occult arts.

PROBLEM #2: FALSE ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT JESUS RESULT IN FALSE REACTIONS TO JESUS



- Assuming that what they saw was a ghost, the disciples cried out in fear.
- Jesus calmed their fears by allowing them to recognize Him.
- Peter wanted verification that it was Jesus and not a ghost or a vision.

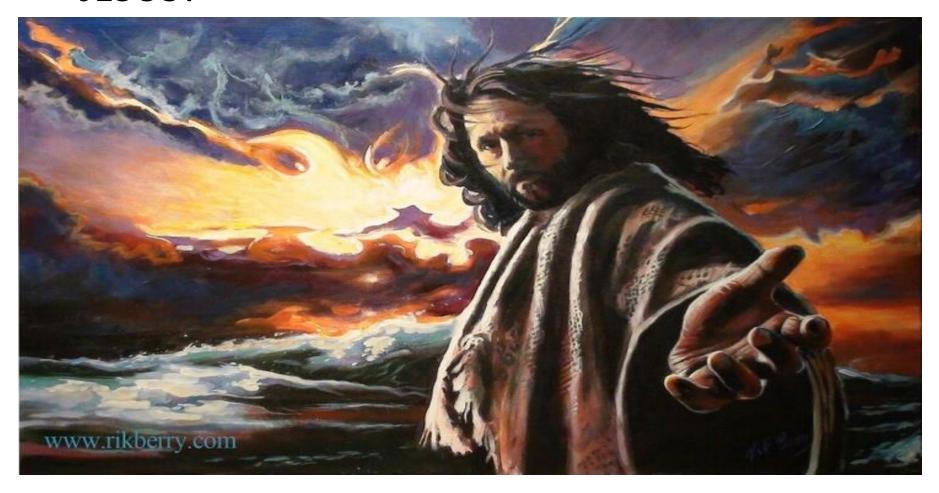
PROBLEM #3: FALSE REACTIONS TO JESUS IS THE RESULT OF FALSE CONFIDENCE IN JESUS.



- Peter trust Jesus to get out of the boat and to walk on water.
- However, Peter's faith was intimidated by the boisterous wind
- Note: Our confidence in Christ can be intimidated by the storms of life, but the Lord is faithful to us

A CHALLENGE FOR YOU!

• DO YOU HAVE FALSE ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT JESUS?



RECEIVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR SAVIOUR TODAY!!



- 1. Acknowledge that the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, <u>died</u> on the cross for your sin, and that He <u>arose</u> again from the dead on the third day.
- 2. Admit that you are a sinner, guilty of sin and responsible and accountable to a holy God for your sin, and that you are under His just condemnation and eternal punishment for your sin.
- **3. Accept** the Lord Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour by **receiving** His provision of salvation through your faith in Him alone.