

Lord, If it is You
Mt 14:25-29
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Thesis: I want to show what we can from Peter's statement in Matthew 14.

Intro: 1. The statement made by Peter can be broken down for several lessons for us today.
2. Peter's statement contains points that bring to light several key points concerning Christ.

I. "Lord, If It is You..."

A. Only Christ has such power

1. The disciples once again witness the power of Christ as He displays His power over nature (**Mt 14:26a**).

a. This event takes place following the feeding of the 5000 (**Mt 14:13-21**).

2. Christ showed his power over nature before (**Mt 8:23-27**).

B. Only Christ has such authority

1. Christ is the source of authority (**Col 3:17**).

II. "command me..."

A. Only God and Christ can command the Christian.

1. Christ has authority on earth to lead man in the ways of life (**Mt 28:18; Jn 16:13**).

2. Peter knew the power that Christ possessed, we too should be aware of His power.

B. Only God and Christ should be able to command the Christian.

1. Man too often allows other men be their standard & authority in religion (**Jn 12:42-43**).

2. Man only reaches heaven when Christ commands & guides him (**Lk 1:79**).

III. "to come to you."

A. Only Christ gives the right to man to come to Him.

1. Christ can call men to him, man can draw men to Christ but man cannot lead man to heaven by drawing men after themselves (**John 1:12-13, Acts 20:30**).

2. Christ brings people to God through Him, not through anyone else (**Jn 14:6**).

B. Only God can add someone to the body of Christ.

1. Man is added by the Lord (**Acts 2:47**).

2. Man has many ideas about when a man is added to the body of Christ but the Bible is clear (**Gal 3:26-27**).

IV. Lessons for us today.

A. Man must follow Him who has all authority & power.

1. Christ had such power to call Peter onto the water.

2. Today, Christ has such power to call men to Him.

a. He does this through the gospel (**2 Thess 2:14**)

B. If we want to see Christ

1. Peter wanted to see Christ, if we want to see Christ we must follow Him.
2. Man seeing heaven is based on Christ's love for Him, and our obedience to Christ
(Jn 14:15, Mk 12:30)

Application & Conclusion:

1. We can be like Peter, we can be followers of Christ when we acknowledge His power & authority.
2. Peter, waited on the commands of Christ, and acted based upon His commands. Today we can be part of God's family by obeying those same commands.
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11-12, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent & Pray: James 5:16, 1 John 1:9