

Providence Reformed Baptist Church – Sunday, March 19, 2023

Sermon Series: The Gospel of the Kingdom – Matthew

Message 83. Miracles – Matthew 14:13-36

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Intro: Jesus begins to withdraw from public ministry and devotes more time to prayer and to teaching His disciples; however, the crowds continue to pursue Him, at one point prepared to force Him to be King!

- I. Compassion – vs. 13-21
 - A. Moved with Compassion, He Healed the Sick (vs. 13-14)
 - B. A Miracle of Creation (vs. 15-21)
 - 1. A crowd that needs to be fed
 - 2. A provision of five loaves and two fish
 - 3. A miracle that satisfies and leaves leftovers – John 10:10
 - C. Jesus – the Bread of Life – John 6:26-29
 - D. The Crowds Response
 - 1. Force Him to be Our King! – John 6:15
 - 2. Complaining – John 6:41, 61
 - 3. Quarreling – John 6:52
 - 4. Abandoning – John 6:66
- II. Courage – vs. 22-33
 - A. A Command (vs. 22)
 - B. A Miracle Over Creation (v. 23-27)
 - 1. The wind was battering the boat and it was off course
 - 2. Fear and fatigue took hold of them
 - 3. Just before dawn, Jesus walked out to them
 - 4. They thought they were seeing things – *phantasma* – an apparition of the imagination
 - 5. Be of Good Cheer (Courage), It is I, do not be Afraid
 - C. Peter's Response (vs. 28-30)
 - 1. If it is You, command me to come
 - 2. Peter walked on water
 - 3. Sunk by fear
 - 4. "Save me!"
 - D. More Miracles
 - 1. Jesus immediately saved Peter
 - 2. The wind stopped
 - 3. They arrived to shore – John 6:21
 - 4. They worshipped Jesus – John 6:29
- III. Completely Whole – vs. 34-36
 - A. They Recognized Him – regeneration – John 3:3
 - B. They Sent for the Sick – evangelism – John 1:35, 40-42
 - C. They Were Healed (perfectly well) – sanctification and glorification – Rom.11:29; Phil. 1:6

Cross References

John 10:10

10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

John 6:26-29

26 Jesus answered them and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. 27 Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him." 28 Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?" 29 Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."

John 6:15

15 Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone.

John 6:41

41 The Jews then complained about Him, because He said, "I am the bread which came down from heaven."

John 6:61

61 When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, "Does this offend you?"

John 6:52

52 The Jews therefore quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this Man give us His flesh to eat?"

John 6:66

66 From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more.

John 6:21

21 Then they willingly received Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land where they were going.

John 6:29

29 Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."

John 3:3

3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

John 1:35, 40-42

35 Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. 40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to

Jesus. Now when Jesus looked at him, He said, “You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas” (which is translated, A Stone).

Romans 11:29

29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

Philippians 1:6

6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

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