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THREE VERBS AND JESUS

Matthew 14:22-36

I. A verb is that word of action.

A. The Bible shows Jesus as a man of action.

B. Particularly do we find 3 verbs of significance in one Galilee event. Let's see the story.

II. They worshipped him.

Matt. 14:33 "Then they that were in ^{Come} the ship

A. Now I wonder why--what led the ships passengers to do this?

B. I believe these things of Jesus convinced them: had a feeling for people

1. He had a feeling for people--sent disciples to a boat and the multitude away (v-22).

a. John 6:15 says he went away because they wanted to make him King. At personal expense he does what's best for man.

b. Think of him as King--he'd need no army, commissary, no wounded or dead--heal and raise.

c. Could meet him next day. He declined John 6:66. Popularity declined in presence of only spiritual interest.

d. Jesus didn't stay to feast on words of praise as we might. Goodness is its own reward.

2. He prayed--alone.

a. In crises he sought the fellowship of God in his mt. sanctuary.

b. It was after sundown--perhaps 2nd evening. (They had 21st & 2nd eve)

c. He was alone too--disciples disappointed and throng selfish.

d. He arose from his prayer, saw through the darkness their need and went to their aid. We are so interrupted.

e. God said to Moses "Come up to the top of the mt." After this communion he's ready for the wilderness march. We must pray then minister.

3. Jesus went walking on waves to distressed ship.

a. Galilee 6 or 7 miles across at N.

b. Boat in midst--John says gone 3 or 4 miles

c. Perhaps at it for 9 hrs. in rowing.

d. Matt. says distressed by heavy waves = tortured or tormented.

e. Between 3-6:00 a. m.

f. Disciples saw him, were troubled (terrified) and screamed and shrieked = thinking he was a ghost.

g. Be it remembered--if we can't captain our own little ship how could we direct others! Don't tell God what to do.

(1) Poem on sea.

4. Jesus allays their fears.

v-27 "Be of good cheer, it is I, be

a. We need him because life is subject to constant change.

b. They'd come from the green grass feed-

ing the 5000 to a storm in just hours.

- c. After all the storm came when they were doing what he said! Even so young preachers die!
 - d. They were wrong in assuming Jesus came though to do them harm.
5. He can impart permission, courage, salvation, and rebuke to a disciple.
- a. Only Matthew mentions Peter story.
 - b. Yet note impetuousness--Bid me. Another time, if all offended, yet not I!
 - c. Wesleyan Com. says started in faith, failed in fear, but turned once more to Jesus for help. Phillip "You Little-Faith."
 - d. When a disciple's in "deep water" he better never take his eye off Jesus, else he'll sink.
 - e. Only Jesus can rescue us from the yawning abyss.
 - f. Has your impulsiveness put you there? Only 1 act can ruin a life.
 - g. Brillo pad story.
6. Wind ceased as Jesus entered ship.
- a. His presence has a marvelous way of making things right!
7. And so they worshipped him.
- a. Have you ever cried "Lord, save me" and "Thou art the Son of God."
 - b. Are we saved because we feel the need or is there an intellectual sophistication

that lets us say "I know Jesus"?

III. They Recognized Him. (v-35 R.S.V.)

A. Came to Gennesaret.

1. Plain 3 mi. long and 1-1/2 mile wide at N. end of western slope of sea.
2. One of Pal. most fertile spots.

B. Here they recognized him.

1. They wanted to share the good news with others.
2. Do we see our opportunities? Seize them?
3. Do we get tide of mercy at flood stage?

IV. They Besought Him.

A. On seeing it was Jesus the countryside went into action.

1. Went out every where and brought all the diseased.
 - a. Great crowds came.
2. They "besought him that they.." (v-36).
 - a. Do we exercise our energy for good on behalf of others?
3. He healed all.
 - a. Sought to touch tassle of his robe.
 - b. Matt. uses strong term--a compound-- shows fully cured!
 - c. Faith rewarded--only touch tassel and well!
 - d. And it was the obedient toucher who was

V. Are the 3 verbs of Jesus a part of your life?

West End - 5/30/65
College - Searcy, Ark. - 6/2/65
Minneola, Ka. 8/4/65
Centerville, Tenn. - 5/13/66

THE SEA IS GREAT, OUR BOATS ARE SMALL
by Henry Van Dyke

Maker of the mighty deep
Whereon our vessels fare,
Above our life's adventure keep
Thy faithful watch and care.
In Thee we trust whate'er befall:
Thy sea is great, our boats are small.

not that
We know ~~that~~ where the secret tides
Will help us or delay,
Nor where the lurking tempest hides,
Nor where the fogs are gray.
We trust in Thee, whate'er befall.
Thy sea is great, our boats are small.

*Chas Nelson's boy took
Edm Meadows did
Something helpful - washed
All, Can Ca Porth Pond*

(over)

When outward bound we boldly sail
And leave the friendly shore,
Let not our hearts in courage fail
Until the voyage is o'er.

We trust in Thee, whate'er befall:
Thy sea is great, our boats are small.

Beyond the circle of the sea
When voyaging is past,
We seek our final port in Thee.

Oh bring us home at last!
In Thee we trust, whate'er befall:
Thy sea is great, our boats are small.