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Jesus over All

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WHAT DOES
IT TELL US
ABOUT
JESUS THAT
HE RULES
OVER ALL?

The **POINT** > Jesus has the power to do all things, revealing to us that no one compares to Him.

> MATTHEW 14:22-33

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

²⁸ And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So

Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

FACT:

About two thousand thunderstorms rain down on earth every minute.¹



LEVELS OF BIBLICAL LEARNING // JESUS

Jesus is in a category by Himself—nothing and no one compares to Him.

In over thirty-three years of youth ministry, my wife and I have had many opportunities to step out of the boat and live by faith. I would love to say I've always stepped out of the boat in the middle of the storm and met the challenges that Jesus has put before me. But the truth is that many times, I allow the waves around me to catch my eye, and the next thing I know, I'm sinking. I'm sinking in self-reliance, self-pity, and just selfishness.

Praise the Lord, He doesn't leave me sinking very long. He reaches His hand out and pulls me out of the water. But I have learned if I will keep my eyes focused on Him or quickly look to Him, He is more than glad to deal with the storms in my life. God has gotten us through times of financial and parenting needs, and even moments of stressful church needs. The storms may not always be answered the way I want them to be, but He always answers them the way that teaches me to trust Jesus more and grows me in my faith.

MATTHEW 14:22-24,27-31

1 What are some “storms” in your life where Jesus may be inviting you to trust Him more?

2 How can you keep your focus on Jesus in difficult circumstances?



*Often, we want immediate rescue, but Jesus shows up in His perfect timing.
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MATTHEW 14:25-26

3 When has fear kept you from seeing God at work in your life?

4 What does this passage teach you about Jesus's timing and presence?

5 How can you begin to train your heart to recognize Jesus, even in difficult or unexpected circumstances?

MATTHEW 14:32-33

6 How has Jesus revealed Himself to you in a personal storm or struggle?

7 In what ways can you practice worship not only in church but also in your daily life?

8 What does it mean for you to confess Jesus as "the Son of God" in your own walk?



LIVE IT OUT



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An essential truth we must share with students is Jesus has power to do all things, even the unimaginable. This is what separates Him from all others and makes Him God—no one compares to Him, and no one is more powerful than Him. It's important that we keep this in the hearts and minds of students in our small group.

> CHRIST

9 Will you step out of the boat and trust Jesus with your fears and uncertainties? How can you do this practically?

10 Will you worship Jesus not only when the storm calms but also while you're still in it? What would that look like in your life?

GOD

JESUS

HOLY SPIRIT

BIBLE

SALVATION

CREATION

CHURCH

PEOPLE

FAMILY

COMMUNITY
& WORLD

> COMMUNITY

11 As a member of a church community, how can you help other believers keep their eyes on Jesus during life's storms?



12 How can you help create a culture of worship and testimony in your church community after experiencing God's power together?

> CULTURE

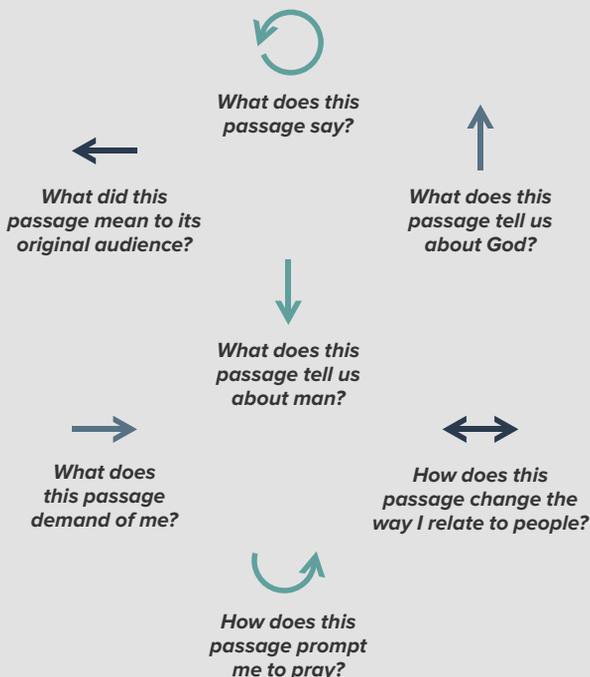
13 In a culture that values self-reliance and control, how can you model radical dependence on Jesus?

14 How can you show your faith in Christ through peace and courage in a fearful, anxious world?

DAILY DEVOTIONS



The 7 Arrows of Bible Reading



Day One COLOSSIANS 1:17

This verse reminds believers that Christ is not only the Creator but also the Sustainer of all creation. This speaks deeply to Christ's ongoing involvement in our lives. In a world that often feels chaotic, this truth brings comfort and confidence. Jesus is holding every detail together, including the circumstances we face each day. Trusting Him means surrendering our worries and recognizing His control over both the big picture and the small details of life.

This verse encourages us to keep Christ in the center of every aspect of life—our families, relationships, and personal decisions. Colossians 1:17 serves as a daily reminder to rely on Jesus's sustaining power. Rather than trying in our own strength, we are called to walk by faith, knowing Christ upholds us and gives purpose to everything we do.

- **What are some areas in your life where you struggle to trust that Christ is holding things together?**
- **How can you make Christ more central in your daily decisions this week?**

Day Four

EXODUS 23:25

This verse was a promise given to Israel, but it still reflects a timeless truth: God blesses those who faithfully worship and obey Him. Worship is not just a Sunday activity—it's a lifestyle of devotion and obedience that invites God's presence and guidance into every area of our lives.

This verse reminds believers to prioritize God above all else, trusting that He is both provider and healer. We need to make personal holiness and daily devotion to the Lord a priority. This passage encourages us to seek God first in our decisions, health, and needs. Though we may still face difficulties, we can rely on God's faithfulness, knowing He sees and responds to the worshipful hearts of His people.

- **What does worship look like in your daily life beyond Sunday mornings?**

- **In what areas are you currently trusting God for meeting your needs?**

Day Five

MATTHEW 28:18



This powerful declaration from the risen Christ affirms that He reigns supreme over all creation. This verse is foundational. It sets the stage for the Great Commission and reminds us that Jesus is not just a teacher or example, but He is the Lord. His complete authority means that our obedience to Him is not optional but essential. He has the right to direct every part of our lives, and we are called to follow Him with full surrender.

Recognizing Jesus's authority means placing Him first in our home, school, church, and personal choices. We are challenged to live under His leadership daily. Whether it's sharing the gospel, making decisions, or responding to life's challenges, we are to trust and follow the One who holds all power in heaven and on earth—Jesus.

- **Are there any areas of your life where you struggle to live under Jesus's authority? If so, which areas?**

- **How does knowing Jesus's authority help you be bolder and more faithful in sharing the gospel?**