

MATTHEW

October 2, 2022

Matthew 14:22-36

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Mark 6:45-56

John 6:14-21

QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. What are the two main reasons for Jesus sending the crowds away (vv. 22-23; John 6:14-15)?

Why does He send the disciples away?

2. In what predicament do the disciples find themselves (v. 24; John 6:17-18)? What might they be thinking?

3. What is Jesus' response to their situation (v. 25; Mark 6:48)?

4. What do you make of the curious statement by Mark at the end of 6:48?

5. Discuss the reaction of the disciples to Jesus' appearance (v. 26). Why "'a ghost'"?

6. Note the significance of Jesus' commands (v. 27). What makes the difference?

7. What internal struggle do the disciples now face (Mark 6:52)? (Why this struggle?)

8. Why would Peter make such a request (v. 28)? What is going on in *his* mind?

9. Identify Peter's three key responses to Jesus' invitation (v. 29). What accounts for them?

10. Where does it go south for Peter (v. 30)?

What is the indication that Peter is not without hope?

11. Identify the three responses to Peter's "prayer" (v. 31).

What is being communicated in Jesus' question to Peter?

12. Jesus' presence in the boat has two immediate results (v. 32; John 6:21) . . .

This elicits from the disciples (v. 33) . . .

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will respond to Jesus' word this week by . . .

I will keep my eyes on Jesus this week by . . .

I will worship Jesus this week by . . .