

# Apply The Word

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## Message Info

Title:

The Son Finds Us

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Scriptures:

Matthew 14:22–36

**Theme:** Adore the Son who comes to find us.

**Introduction:** We know that our Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd. Part of his goodness is that he seeks out the lost sheep (cf. Matthew 18:12). He seeks out the lost sheep to save them and keep them. Elsewhere, Jesus said that the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost. He is always at work, seeking out and saving souls.

The Lord finds his disciples in three different places/at three different times:

### 1. In the Fourth Watch (22–25)

- After the feeding of the 5,000, Jesus isolates to the hills while the disciples get in a boat at Jesus's command.
- Jesus withdraws from the great crowds in order to pray.
- By the time the fourth watch (3am–6am) comes around, the disciples had been rowing for hours.

### 2. In Doubt (26–33)

- Jesus appears to the disciples on the water, and the disciples are terrified and mistake him for a ghost.
- Although the last thing the disciples witnessed was Jesus miraculously feeding 5,000+ people, they failed to remember his miracles and believe in him.
- Jesus says "Do not be afraid," doing so on the bedrock basis of who he is.
- Peter goes out on the water in faith, but doubts and goes under before Jesus rescues him.

### 3. In Need (34–36)

- Jesus and the disciples come to Gennesaret.
- Word had spread about Jesus's miracles, and the people in Gennesaret bring their sick to him to be healed.
- Once again, all who come to him are healed.
- The people desire to touch the hem of his garment, indicating some sort of superstitious religiosity that wants what Jesus offers but not Jesus himself.

**Questions:**

1. How does the Lord's example in prayer spur you on to greater prayerfulness? In what ways can you grow in prayer?
2. Where do you need the grace of God to strengthen your faith in the face of doubt?
3. How does this passage cause you to adore our Lord and Savior?