



# A WALK TO REMEMBER

CHRISTMAS TO EASTER #4  
(MATTHEW 14:22-36)

*When we remember Jesus walking on the water, we are alerted to redemptive impossibilities that come with Jesus transcending and explaining the miracle event itself.*

INTRO. – THE UPWARD TRAJECTORY OF JESUS' LIFE

WHY DID JESUS WALK ON THE WATER?...  
*TO HELP HIS DISCIPLES, PRESENT & FUTURE,  
KNOW HIM WHEN THEY SEE HIM.*

REDEMPTIVE "IMPOSSIBILITIES" AIDING SUCH RECOGNITION

1. THE REAL JESUS STOOD IN AN IMPOSSIBLE PLACE.
2. THE REAL JESUS SPOKE AN IMPOSSIBLE WORD.
3. THE REAL JESUS INSPIRED AN IMPOSSIBLE REQUEST.
4. THE REAL JESUS CALLED INTO BEING IN AN IMPOSSIBLE ADVENTURE.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:



Jesus Walks on Water, Ivan  
Aivazovsky (1888)

*Happy are those  
who demand  
a good reason,  
and yet can believe  
a wonder!*

– George MacDonald

**Covenant Presbyterian Church  
of  
Reno, Nevada**

**January 21, 2024**

# Service for The Lord's Day

January 21, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

*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. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." – Matthew 14:26-27*

*We Gather & We Are Encouraged because of Jesus Christ*

**Prelude** Nancy Tedford, piano

**Greetings and Church Family News** Pastor Jay Hull

**Prayer of Commissioning for Costa Rica Mission Team**

**Choral Introit** Covenant Choir

**Call to Worship** Isaiah 43:1-5, 24-25 Chris Schlatter

*Leader: But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.*

**People: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you.**

*Leader: When you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.*

**People: For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you.**

*Leader: Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life.*

**People: Fear not, for I am with you...**

*Leader: But you have burdened me with your sins; you have wearied me with your iniquities.*

**People: "I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.**

*We Proclaim "Truly You Are The Son of God!" to Our Lord*

**\*Opening Hymn of Praise** #296

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (vv.1, 3, 5 & 6)

**\*Time of Greeting**

**Children's Prayer Time** Kati Guerrero

**Prayer of Confession, Word of Assurance & Gloria Patri (#734)**

**Time of Offering**

**Offertory Anthem** "Be Still" – Chapman Covenant Choir

**\*Doxology (#731) & Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*God's Word Calls Us to Come to Christ in Faith & Courage*

**\*Hymn of Preparation** "You Are Before Me, Lord" [insert]

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 14:22-36 (p.820)

**Message:** A Walk to Remember Pastor Jay  
(The Rescue: Christmas to Easter #4)

*We Go Forth Joining with Jesus in His Impossible Adventure*

**Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

**\*Closing Hymn** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" #521

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**\*Postlude** Nancy Tedford, organ

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\*indicates to stand if you are able

## Hymns for January 21<sup>st</sup>

### All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (#296)

- 1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all  
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- 2 Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call;  
extol the Stem of Jesse's rod, and crown him Lord of all;  
extol the Stem of Jesse's rod, and crown him Lord of all.
- 3 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
- 4 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,  
go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;  
go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.
- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,  
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all;  
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.
- 6 O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall;  
we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all;  
we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

### You Are Before Me, Lord

- 1 You are before me, Lord, You are behind,  
And over me You have spread out Your hand;  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,  
Too high to grasp, too great to understand.
- 2 Then from Your Spirit where, Lord, shall I go;  
And from Your presence where, Lord, shall I fly?  
If I ascend to heaven You are there,  
And still are with me if in hell I lie.

3 If I should take my flight into the dawn,  
If I should dwell on ocean's farthest shore,  
Your mighty hand will rest upon still,  
And Your right hand will guard me evermore.

4 If I should say, "Let darkness cover me,  
And I shall hide within the veil of night,"  
Surely the darkness is not dark to You:  
The night is as the day, the darkness light.

5 Search me, O God, search me and know my heart;  
Try me, O God, my mind and spirit try;  
Keep me from any path that gives You pain  
And lead me in the everlasting way.

### My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (#521)

1 My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Refrain:* On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.

[*Refrain*]

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

[*Refrain*]

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in him be found;  
dressed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne.

[*Refrain*]