

The Gospel According to Matthew

Jesus, Hero of the World?

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Have you ever noticed you're typically only as good, or as bad, as your heroes?

Matthew 14:22-33
22 Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. 23 And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24 but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. 25 And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. 26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

28 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, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" 31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" 32 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."

What if more than anything else, Jesus wants to be your hero?

Two Rulers:
Herod & Jesus

"Immediately..."

Was Jesus looking to ride the wave of his celebrity status?

Was Jesus looking to bask in his accomplishments?

Did Jesus need something from the crowds?

Herod was a man of _____.
Jesus was a man of *prayer*?

Herod ruled through _____.
Jesus ruled through *prayer*?

More than anything else, what do followers of Jesus bring to those around them?

What's the source of your strength?

George Paton

Was Jesus clear on where he derived his strength and meaning?

1. The fact that they were in a storm did not mean God hadn't sent them.
2. Being a long way from the safety of shore is kind of the point.
3. Jesus was putting them in situations, or at least leveraging situations, to grow their faith.

Songs: God So Loved, Rejoice, Reckless Love, No Longer Slaves, Great is Our God

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