**MIRACLES: THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF JESUS—STUDY OF MATTHEW**

**LESSON NINE —“GET OUT THE BOAT” MATTHEW 14:22-33; JOHN 6:16-21**

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### **B. JESUS WALKS ON WATER [MATTHEW 14:24-27] 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.”

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