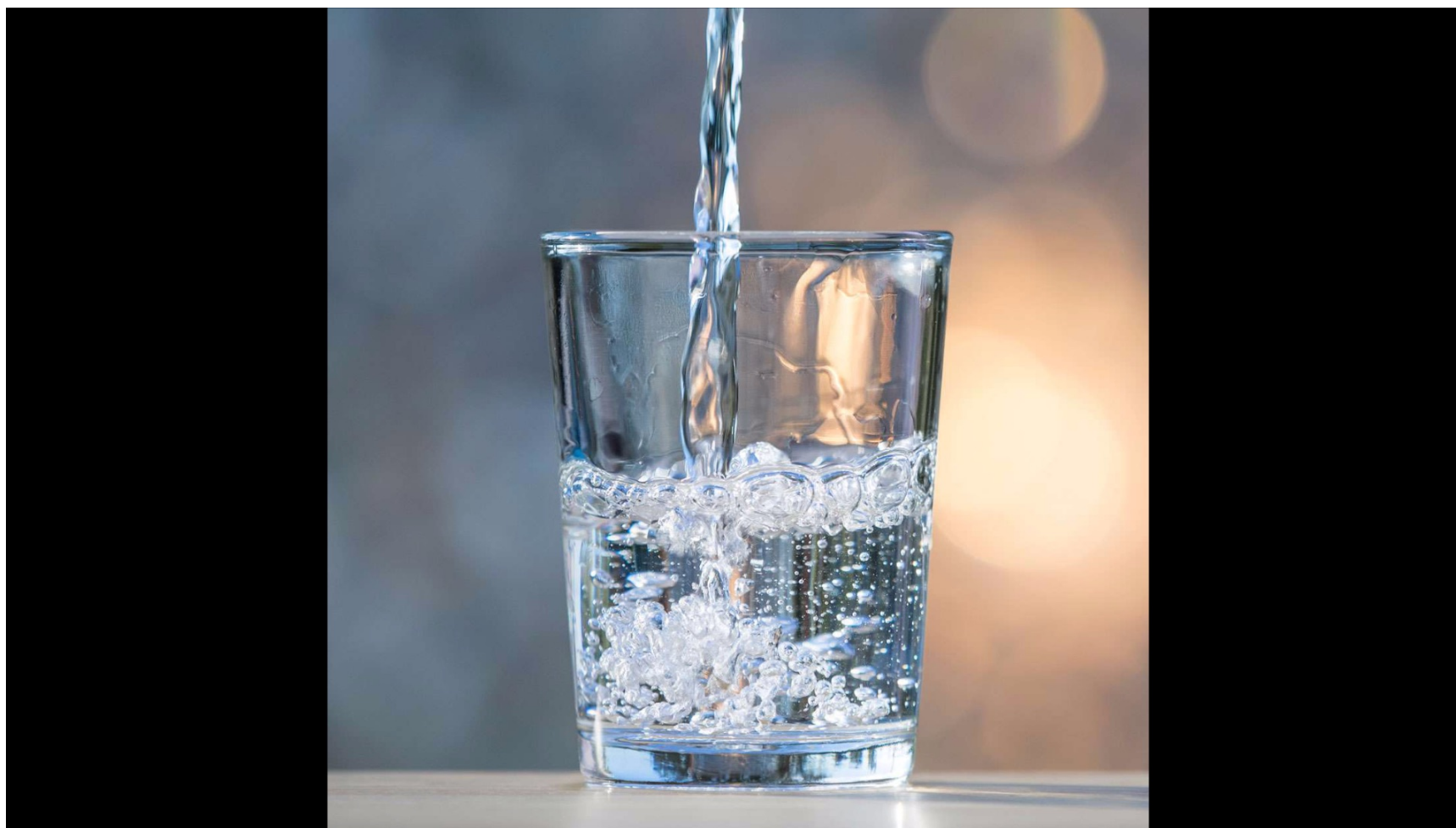


BEHOLD THE KING

MATTHEW







“The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.”

Genesis 1:2

“Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb.”

Revelation 22:1





“When the waters saw you, O God,
when the waters saw you, they were afraid;
indeed, the deep trembled.

“The clouds poured out water;
the skies gave forth thunder;
your arrows flashed on every side. . . .

“Your way was through the sea,
your path through the great waters;
yet your footprints were unseen.”

Psalm 77:16, 17, 19



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What is it like to follow Jesus without Jesus?

1. When we follow Jesus without Jesus, we are **feeble**. (22-24)

“Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

“And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,”

Matthew 14:22-23

He **dismisses** the crowds.

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He **sends his disciples** on a boat.

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He sends his disciples on a boat.

He heads up on a mountain to **pray**.

“made the disciples get into the boat” (22)



“but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them.” (24)

“the wind was against them.” (24)

“They were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them.”

Mark 6:48

Two common expressions of following Jesus
without Jesus:

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We are **proving ourselves**.

Two common expressions of following Jesus
without Jesus:

We are proving ourselves.

We are **testing him**.

1. When we follow Jesus without Jesus, we are feeble. (22-24)
2. When we follow Jesus without Jesus, we are **fearful**. (22-24)

“And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea.

“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 14:25-27

“Your way was through the sea,
your path through the great waters;
yet your footprints were unseen.”

Psalms 77:19

“they were terrified” (26)

“they were terrified” (26)

“Take heart” (27)

“they were terrified” (26)

“Take heart” (27)

“it is I” (27)

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- translated loosely - “It’s me.”

“It is I” (27)

- translated loosely - “It’s me.”
- translated literally - “I am.”

“I AM WHO I AM.”

Exodus 3:14

“Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one.”

Revelation 1:17b-18a

3. When we follow Jesus without Jesus, we are **fickle**. (22-24)

“And Peter answered him, ‘Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.’ He said, ‘Come.’

“So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, ‘Lord, save me.’” (28-30)

“Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, ‘O you of little faith, why did you doubt?’” (31)

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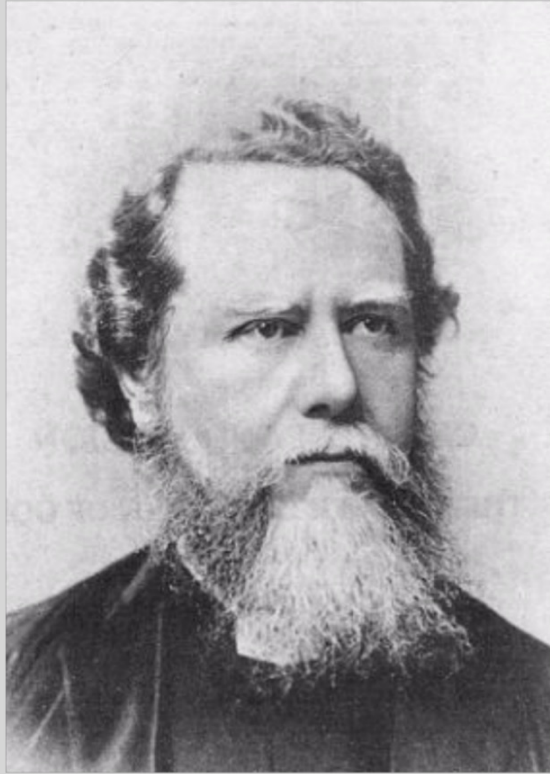
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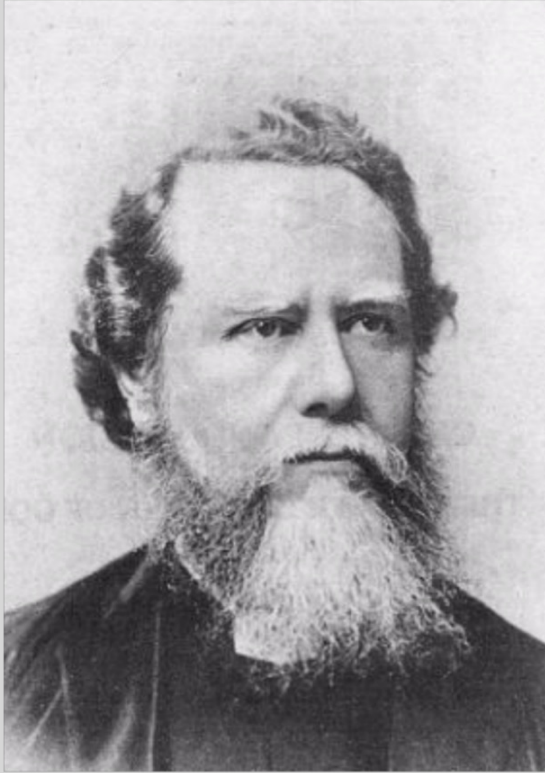
* Jesus saves fickle disciples!

“I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:20

“And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, ‘Truly you are the Son of God.’”
(32-33)





“I prayed, agonized, fasted, strove, made resolutions, read the Word more diligently, sought more time for meditation – but all without avail.”

Hudson Taylor

“Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

“I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”

John 15:4-5

“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.

“And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

Galatians 2:20

“I am with you always”

Matthew 28:20

How do I know if I'm following Jesus without Jesus?

Are you seeking to follow Jesus?

Are you seeking to follow Jesus?

Are you convinced he is with you?