

Morning Rundown: 45 Easter Worshipers Killed in Tragic Bus Accident

Here's a quick rundown of the top stories on :

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In a devastating turn of events, 45 people were killed over the holiday weekend in a fatal bus crash.

As Fox News reported, the travelers were heading to an Easter festival in South Africa, but instead found themselves plunging nearly 200 feet off of a bridge instead.

The only survivor of the crash was an eight-year-old child who was seriously injured and was receiving medical attention.

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End-Times Confusion and the Great American Eclipse

As the Great American Eclipse of April 8 approaches, the internet is buzzing with theories and speculation about its meaning. Some have gone so far as to declare that the rapture and Second Coming will happen this year.

You may have heard that there have been 12,000 solar eclipses since 1776, but this one and a prior eclipse in 2017 are unique in that only they cross the U.S. In fact, there have been only 584 partial and total solar eclipses since 1776, with 42 touching America, 16 crossing the country and six crossing only the U.S. This eclipse is important, but not a unique sign of the Second Coming.

You may have also heard that this eclipse is somehow related

to the sign of Jonah, when Jesus spoke about His death and Resurrection (Matt. 12:38-42). The eclipse is said to cross seven U.S. cities named Nineveh, none of which appear on the detailed eclipse maps. In any event, we should not use a Scripture taken out of context to reach for a conclusion.

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Take My Hand

The man was now certain he was drowning, that he was going under. And to think, mere moments ago he was full of courage, stepping out in faith, obeying his Master's call to come. A miracle was happening before his very eyes. Not only was his Master walking on the water, he was! But then something else happened. His eyes shifted away from the One beckoning him and onto the storm raging all around. Wind whipped and waves hammered, as pounding pellets of rain stung his face. He was sinking fast and fought frantically to keep his head above the turbulence. Fear was engulfing him along with the sea. Surely, the Master could be trusted? Surely, He wouldn't call him out of the boat only to let him drown. Surely? With one, final, desperate lunge before submerging into the depths, the man cried, "Lord, save me!" If he could but cling to his Master's hand, he knew he would be safe. "Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him." Safely in His grip, Jesus told the man, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" (Matt. 14:30-31, MEV).

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Stormy Weather

I'm sure most of you are familiar with the above story. The disciples were in their boat crossing the Sea of Galilee after Jesus had given them unmistakable instructions to go and He would meet them on the other side. They were simply obeying

His word when around 3 a.m. a violent storm blew in, catching them off guard. With no satellites to predict the weather, this was common on the Middle Eastern seas. Wind and rain beat against the boat, tossing it back and forth. Likely the sail was twisted, and the vessel taking on water. Everything in the external pointed to them going down. But then, off in the distant darkness they see a figure, perhaps glowing, walking toward them on the sea. A different kind of fear grips them as they assume it's a ghost. And it wasn't their imagination because they all saw it. However, as the ethereal form drew closer it became clearer—Jesus. It was Jesus. He was coming to them in the storm. "Take courage!" He called out. "It is I. Don't be afraid." Undoubtedly, they must have remembered the episode not long before when they'd been in the boat during another raging storm. Fear had gripped them in that moment too as Jesus was sleeping soundly in the stern. Shaking Him awake they cried hysterically, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" He replied with similar words, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm (Matt. 8:23-27).

Now, outside the boat standing atop the cutting waves, Jesus, the Creator of the elements, calls to Peter to step out and come to Him. Full of faith and courage, Peter jumped out of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. It was one of the most miraculous moments in his life. It was then, however, that he took his eyes off Jesus and focused on the turbulent storm.

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