

# ANSLEM OF CANTERBURY

## 1033-1109

### STUDY QUESTIONS



Scripture: Mt 14:22-33

### TEMPTATIONS

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1. What are your thoughts about The End Times? What is your scriptural foundation for this belief? Try to challenge your beliefs by asking why you believe this.
2. Most scholars understand 'Apocalyptic' literature to be a very special type of writing that needs to be understood very carefully within the context in which it was written, utilizing the symbols as imagery in and for that specific time. What are some symbols specific to our times that could be misunderstood to people 100 years ago, or 100 years in the future?
3. Anselm is often known for what is called the *ontological argument* for the existence of God – which can seem purely rational. But here, he opened his sermon by reflecting on scripture with a *Mystical Interpretation*. This is an exercise which seeks to focus the mind, opening the 'eye of the intellect' for divine contemplation (*theoria*), and not a dry excursion into rationalism. What benefit could you see to using a *Mystical Interpretation* for other passages of scripture? What are its limits? Give examples.
4. What are your temptations? How do you resist them?

Notes

### Feedback

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