

Sermon Study Notes 1 Nov '15 Mark 6:45-56 'Walking on Water'

We see that the disciples did not grasp what Jesus was doing when he fed the 1000's of people earlier, and they were even more stunned when he walked on the water! Jesus is demonstrating who he is, and Mark is highlighting this for us.

1. Pray, Look & Act

Vs 46-48 *"... he went up on a mountainside to pray ... He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them ... he went out to them, walking on the lake."*

- Jesus prayed, he looked, and then acted.

He had a sense of urgency – *"Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat."* He sent them off while he had an urgent need to speak with his Father.

Reflect: Have I ever had an urgent need to pray?

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The disciples were straining at the oars. The wind was blowing against them. They were losing control and being blown off course.

Life can throw some very strong 'head winds'.

Reflect: How did Jesus help me during 'strong head winds'?

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2. Amazed

Vs 51,52 *"They were completely amazed ... their hearts were hardened."*

Reflect: Do I have an expectation of wonderful things happening that I could not imagine or understand? What condition is my heart in?

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3. Jesus Recognised

Vs 54 *"As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognised Jesus."*

Refreshed by time with his Father, Jesus was able to reach out in compassion once again and all who touched him were healed.

Reflect: What can I learn from Jesus' example of 'pray, look & act'?

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