



- 4 DOWN "Immediately He made His disciples get into the _____ and go before Him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while He sent the multitude away." **MARK 6:45**
- 2 DOWN "And when He had sent them away, He departed to the mountain to _____." **MARK 6:46**
- 3 DOWN "Now when evening came, the boat was in the _____ of the sea; and He was alone on the land." **MARK 6:47**
- 6 DOWN "Then He saw them straining at rowing, for the _____ was against them..." **MARK 6:48**
- 6 ACROSS "...He came to them, _____ on the sea, and would have passed them by." **MARK 6:48**
- 5 ACROSS "But when they saw Him walking on the sea, they _____ it was a ghost..." **MARK 6:49**
- 1 DOWN "And immediately He talked with them and said to them, 'Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be _____.'" **MARK 6:50**
- 7 ACROSS "Then He went up into the boat to them, and the wind _____." **MARK 6:51**
- 3 ACROSS "And they were greatly amazed in themselves beyond measure, and _____" **MARK 6:51**





WALKING ON WATER

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JESUS just did an amazing thing.

While the disciples - and more than five thousand other people! - were all sitting out in the sun on a rocky hillside, Jesus took two smelly fish and five crusty loaves of bread and fed them all!

"WOW!" The disciples must have thought, "We should open a restaurant!"

Well, maybe they didn't think that exactly! But they were amazed by the miracle they just saw Jesus do.

The crowd was still buzzing about the whole thing when Jesus took Peter by the arm and said, "You guys go on ahead to the other side of the lake. I'll catch up with you later."

Okay, we don't really know what Jesus said exactly. For one thing, he was speaking in Aramaic and not English. And chances are pretty good he didn't call the disciples 'you guys.' But we do know that Jesus told the disciples to get in their boat and go across the lake. He needed some time to be alone.

Well, imagine if you had crowds of people following you around everywhere you went, always wanting something from you. You'd want to get away to be alone sometimes too! But what Jesus really needed was time to pray. We all do!

So Jesus blessed the people and sent them on their way home. And he sent them away full - not just with a good meal, but with the word of God. They all left knowing a little

better just how much God loved them. So Jesus watched the last few stragglers pick their way through the rocks, and then he turned and climbed up the mountain a ways.

When night came, Jesus was still there praying, alone on the mountainside. Of course, he wasn't really alone. He was with his Father. No one is ever really alone. God is always with us.

Meanwhile...

...the disciples were on the lake below, trying to row across it.

It was very dark now, and a strong wind was blowing right in their faces. Well, right in the faces of the lucky ones who weren't trying to row against it. Those poor guys had their backs to the wind and were rowing against it with all their might - and hardly getting anywhere!

"This is just great!" they were probably grumbling to each other as sprays of water splashed in their faces and the waves tossed their little boat every which way - except the way they wanted to go! "Jesus sends us out across the lake with this blasted wind doing its best to blow us back! Couldn't he do something about that?!" (We like to grumble whenever things get hard, don't we.)

But Jesus could see that they were in trouble.

The wind was howling, the sea was still tossing their boat this way and that, when one of the disciples happened to look out into the night.

"WHAT IS THAT?!!!"

There was a man walking on the water!!!

In the dark of the night they saw a man coming towards them on the water - his hair was blowing wildly, his robe was being whipped by the wind like a flag in a windstorm.

They were terrified! ..well, wouldn't YOU be?!

"IT'S A GHOST!!!" they screamed.

But just then, they heard a voice say, "Take courage! Don't be afraid. It is me!"

It was Jesus!

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