

## DID YOU KNOW who was walking of the water ???

The Bible is full of hidden truths that are brought to light only by study and fervent prayer. A simple example is found in the Book of John in the miracle of as Jesus walking on water.

*26 And when even was now come, his disciples went down unto the sea, 27 And entered into a ship, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was now dark, and Jesus was not come to them. 28 And the sea arose by reason of a great wind that blew. 29 So when they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they see Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the ship: and they were afraid. 20 But he saith unto them, It is I; be not afraid. 21 Then they willingly received him into the ship: and immediately the ship was at the land whither they went.*  
(John 6:16-21)

How many sermons have we heard preached from this miracle? How many times have we read these passages? Yet, due to lax translation, you have probably never heard the gem that makes this miracle so beautiful. Seeing what appeared to be a ghost walking on the boisterous sea, the disciples were afraid and fearful of their lives. Sensing their fear, Jesus assured them with a remarkable statement but not "it is I, be not afraid" as recorded in the Book of John. What Jesus actually said was...

*"it is I Am (Eγώ Εμί), be not afraid.*

When Moses met God on the mount, he asked God His name.

*And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. (Exodus 3:14)*

Speaking to the Pharisees (John 8:58):

*Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am*

What a difference one word can make! .. not "I" but "I Am," Jesus was telling His disciples not to fear because the Lord God of Israel Himself was in their presence.

So, DID YOU KNOW??? If you learned something new, today, why not attend Sunday School where dedicated, knowledgeable teachers will assist in your understanding of the Bible.

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