

SERMON NOTES

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Text: Mark 6:45-56

Title: Jesus Is With His Disciples

Big Idea: Disciples of Jesus have assurance that Jesus will be with them.



I. THE POWER OF JESUS (vv. 45-50)

And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. (v. 46)

“Always respond to every impulse to pray...It is the work of the Holy Spirit...Never push it aside because you are busy.” – D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

*who alone stretched out the heavens
and trampled the waves of the sea; (Job 9:8)*

“It is I” literally → “I AM.”

God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I am has sent me to you.’” (Exodus 3:14)

The walking on the water provides reassurance that Jesus will be with his disciples!

II. THE PROBLEM OF OUR HEARTS (vv. 51-52)

“Our problem is not that God is hidden; it’s that we are hardened.” – Dave Griffith-Jones

Do not be afraid in the boat, thinking you are on your own. Repent of your self-reliance, do not fear and know that Jesus is with you. Jesus is just as powerful over today as he was when he fed the 5000 and when he walked on the water and calmed yet another storm.

III. A PATTERN FOR MINISTRY (vv. 53-56)

We see His DIVINITY as He walks on the water and speaks words of assurance to His disciples. We see Him as THE SERVANT who graciously met the needs of all kinds of people He encountered.

“but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)

“Sin may abound yet more, the light of the gospel may burn low, and the prince of darkness may widely sway his destroying sceptre; but, nevertheless, this truth standeth sure, that Jesus is the ‘I AM.’” – C.H. Spurgeon

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

To be used for personal reflection and/or sermon-based small group discussion.

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READ Mark 6:45-56

Is there anything that is difficult to understand in the text, or a question you would like to ask the writer of the passage or the Lord?

Where is Christ in this passage? How does this passage relate to the person, nature, character or work of Christ? Luke 24:44 says all of Scripture is about Christ. So, how does this passage help you see more of who Christ is, what He has done, or allows you to love Him more?

What were the disciples' two responses to seeing Jesus walk on the water? (6:49-51)

To what does Mark attribute the fact that they were "completely amazed"? (6:51-52)

Mark indicates that if the disciples had understood the significance of Jesus' feeding the 5,000, they would not have been surprised that Jesus walked on the sea or that the wind died down once He got into the boat (6:52). What do these three events tell us about Jesus?

What does Jesus say to His terrified disciples? Read Exodus 3:13-15. What is Jesus telling us about himself?

"The disciples' 'hearts were hardened'—just like Pharaoh, God's enemy in the exodus (see Exodus 7:13). They (and we) don't just need God to show himself to them; we need God to soften their hearts in them. Our problem is not that God is hidden; it's that we are hardened.

- How does this passage exalt Jesus?
- How does this passage humble us?"¹

PRAY

¹ Griffith-Jones, *Explore Mark*