

**Series "Jesus: God And Savior"**  
**"Where is Jesus in the Storm?"**  
**John 6:15-21**  
**Part-19**

**John 6:19 – "they were frightened."**

**Matthew 14:26 – "they were frightened, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out for fear."**

Three of the Gospels record this miracle of Jesus walking on the water –  
**Matthew 14:22-36; Mark 6:45-56; John 6:15-21.**

This miracle is not to be confused with another miracle of Jesus calming the storm – **Matt 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25.**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sign of John – The Master of Natural Law** – Walking on the water of the Sea of Galilee, **John 6:16-21.**

**This storm is addressed to weary Christians that are "Straining At The Oars!"**

**Thought Of Our Passage:** "The Weary Disciple Need Not Fear The Storm, Because Jesus Will Come In Our Darkest Hour."

- 1. Verses 15-18 – The Absence Of Jesus**
- 2. Verses 19-20 – The Appearance Of Jesus**
- 3. Verse 21 – The Acceptance Of Jesus**

**1. Verses 15-18 – The Absence Of Jesus:**

John 6:15

John 6:14 – "people saw the sign which He had performed," – The 4<sup>th</sup> Sign Of Jesus, The Master of Quantity.

Deuteronomy 18:15

Luke 9:11 – "He began speaking to them about the kingdom of God"

John 18:36

Stomachs, Not Their Hearts – Jesus came to bring spiritual life (Wanted A King Over A Savior), John 6:26-27.

This miracle of Jesus walking on the water is an encouragement to His disciples.

Jesus' Dependence Upon The Father Through Prayer: "by Himself alone"

Mark 14:38

The following day, Jesus' earthly ministry would change forever, John 6:66.

Matthew 14:22 – "made" – constrained; "to compel, drive to, whether by force, or threats."

John 6:16-17

"they started to cross the sea to Capernaum." – It was about 5 miles. It was on the north and they would travel west, Matthew 14:22-23; Mark 6:45-46.

Jesus had told them to go across. This is a command and a promise that they will cross. They were obedient to the Lord.

John 6:18 – "The sea began to be stirred up because a strong wind was blowing." – Sea of Galilee is 686 feet below sea level. The mountains being 2000 feet in elevation makes 2700 feet elevation from the lake. Cool air rushes down from the mountains in the evenings. Strong Mediterranean winds funnel through the valley of Galilee, creating strong swells, sometimes 10 feet tall.

**Note: This Storm Was The Result Of Obedience.**

1 Peter 4:19

**The Storm Follows The Feeding Of The 5000. God wants to balance our lives.**

**"Am I in this storm because of obedience or because of disobedience?"**

**Storms of Correction** – They are brought on because of sin.

**Storms of Perfection** – To make us more like Jesus.

Philippians 1:6

## **2. Verses 19-20 – The Appearance Of Jesus:**

John 6:19

“Then, when they had rowed about three or four miles,” – This event took place in the evening, maybe 6 or 7 PM; fourth watch, 3-6 AM. Matthew 14:25 – They have been rowing for 9-12 hours.

Mark 6:48

“they saw Jesus walking on the sea” – It was the darkest moments of the night, and Jesus came.

Jesus fulfills the role of God in the O.T., Job 9:8.

“and they were frightened.” – Note: All the disciples were frightened!

1 Corinthians 10:13

Matthew 14:26

“It is a ghost!” – fan'-tas-mah; literally, “apparition, unnatural vision of a spirit.”

**Note: He came to them! The Scriptures teach, in the darkest hour, God is preparing to invade our lives.**

They did not understand His person, who Jesus really is. (Comes to rescue!)

Mark 6:48

**Why would Jesus pass them by?**

**Jesus will use a storm as a passageway into our lives!**

John 6:20

The Word From God Brought A Calm: “But He said to them,”

The Word Of God Drives Us To God: “It is I;” – This is no other than the great “I Am!”, Exodus 3:14.

Matthew 14:27

The Word Of God Instructs Us: “do not be afraid.” – Greek present imperative, “Stop being afraid”; It instructs us.

Isaiah 43:1-2

Peter Walks On Water: Matthew 14:28-31

**The Great Truth:** The humanly impossible feats that the followers of Jesus can accomplish through faith in Him! **Philippians 4:13**

### **3. Verse 21 – The Acceptance Of Jesus:**

John 6:21

**When we invite Jesus into our boat, the miraculous takes place.**

5<sup>th</sup> Sign of John – The Master of Natural Law.

Matthew Records The Outward Response – Matthew 14:33

Mark 6:52 – “heart was hardened.” Literally “petrify, cover with a thick skin; metaphor to lose the power of understanding; to be stupid”

### **Application:**

1. The Question: Am I In This Storm For Correction Or Perfection?
2. The Weary Disciple Need Not Fear The Storm, Because Jesus Will Come In Our Darkest Hour.
3. In A Storm, Always Look For Jesus And Invite Him Into Your Boat.