

Read Mark 6:45-56

45 Immediately after this, Jesus insisted that his disciples get back into the boat and head across the lake to Bethsaida, while he sent the people home. **46** After telling everyone good-bye, he went up into the hills by himself to pray.

47 Late that night, the disciples were in their boat in the middle of the lake, and Jesus was alone on land. **48** He saw that they were in serious trouble, rowing hard and struggling against the wind and waves. About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. He intended to go past them, **49** but when they saw him walking on the water, they cried out in terror, thinking he was a ghost.

50 They were all terrified when they saw him. But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Take courage! I am here!" **51** Then he climbed into the boat, and the wind stopped. They were totally amazed, **52** for they still didn't understand the significance of the miracle of the loaves. Their hearts were too hard to take it in.

53 After they had crossed the lake, they landed at Gennesaret. They brought the boat to shore **54** and climbed out. The people recognized Jesus at once, **55** and they ran throughout the whole area, carrying sick people on mats to wherever they heard he was.

56 Wherever he went—in villages, cities, or the countryside—they brought the sick out to the marketplaces. They begged him to let the sick touch at least the fringe of his robe, and all who touched him were healed.

What did Jesus do next (v. 45)? He Told His disciples to get in the boat and go on ahead of Him to the next city. Then He sent the people home. **After the crowds left, what did Jesus do (v. 46)?** Went off by Himself to pray.

If Jesus is God why did He have to pray? Jesus was 100% God and 100% human (man). In His human nature, He was weak just like us (but He never sinned) so He needed to pray for God to help Him.

When it started to get dark, where was the boat with the disciples and where was Jesus (v. 47)? The boat and the disciples were in the middle of the lake and Jesus was on the shore.

What were the disciples doing (v. 48)? They were rowing but it was very hard because the wind was really blowing hard. **What did Jesus do next?** He walked on the water to meet them.

What did the disciples think when they saw Jesus walking on the water (vv. 49-50)? They were really scared. They thought He was a ghost. **What did Jesus say to them?** Don't be scared. It's just me.

Do you think you would be scared if you saw Jesus walking on the water?

When Jesus climbed into the boat what happened (v. 51)? The wind stopped blowing. **What did the disciples think about that?** They were amazed. They couldn't believe it!

Why were they amazed (v. 52)? Because they didn't understand what was going on. If they would have understood that Jesus did a miracle when He fed the 5000, they would have understood that this was another miracle. But their hearts were hard so they didn't understand (1 Corinthians 2:14). **How is your heart?** (Ezekiel 36:26)

When they finally landed on the shore what happened next (v. 55)? The people recognized Jesus and brought all their sick friends and relatives and Jesus healed them all.

What did Jesus do next (v. 56)? He went to lots of different towns and villages and healed the people. Even if someone just touched the edge of His jacket, they were healed. **Jesus healed lots of people and He taught them about God. Which do you think was more important?**