

THE GLORY OF THE SON OF GOD

--MARK 6:45-56--

INTRODUCTION:

This morning's passage and the amazing events that take place in it follow on the heels of the miraculous creation of the meal that fed ten to twenty thousand people on the northeastern side of the Sea of Galilee. This visible display that was beyond anything that Jesus had done before dramatically demonstrated both the supernatural power and compassion of the Lord Jesus Christ. With this miracle Jesus reached the peak of His popularity.

What was it that convinced the Twelve to believe in Jesus when so many others rejected Him? He had created bread and fish to feed thousands the day before, yet most of those who experienced the miracle rejected Him the next day. Something had caused this rapid transformation in their thinking. The event we are about to look at was only experienced by the Twelve, and this was the powerful impetus by which they first acknowledged Jesus to be the Son of God.

I. PRIVATE PRAYER WITH THE FATHER (Mark 6:45-46)

- a. As we closed last week the crowd was in such awe over the creation of the fish and bread that they intended to make Jesus their _____ even if it had to be by force.
- b. There has been some question as to what Mark meant here, since the parallel passage in John 6:17 explains that the intended destination was _____.
- c. After sending the disciples on their way, Jesus sent the _____ away.
- d. As soon as Jesus dismissed the crowd, He headed up the mountain to spend some private time with His _____.

II. POWERFUL PRESENTATION FOR THE DISCIPLES (Mark 6:47-52)

- a. When Mark records that it is _____, he is referring to the time of day that would have been from 6:00 to 9:00 pm.
- b. As already noted, Jesus had stayed on the shore and had taken this opportunity to _____ and commune with His Father.

- c. Seeing their _____, Jesus set out to go to them about the fourth watch of the night.
- d. So, between 3 am and 6 am Jesus went to them _____ on the surface of the water.
- e. Then we read what might appear to be a bit strange, Mark writes that Jesus intended to _____ by them.
- f. The Lord Jesus did not allow the disciples terror to last. We read, "*But immediately He spoke with them and said to them, 'Take courage; it is ____, do not be afraid.'*" (Mark 6:50b, NASB95)
- g. Mark writes, "*Then He got into the boat with them, and the wind _____; and they were utterly astonished,*" (Mark 6:51, NASB95)
- h. The parallel passage in Matthew 14:33 tells us that their astonishment turned to _____.

III. POWERFUL PHYSICIAN TO THE MASSES (Mark 6:53-56)

- a. Mark begins to wrap up this chapter by stating that when they had _____ over, they came to land at Gennesaret, and moored to the shore.
- b. Once on the shore the people recognized who He was and ran about the whole country and began to bring the _____ on their pallets, taking them to wherever they heard He was.
- c. Mark in the final verse of this chapter zooms out and gives us a final summary of Jesus ministry in _____.

CONCLUSION:

The account of Jesus walking on the water contains far more than a single miracle. First, it was preceded by the miraculous meal. Second, Jesus omnisciently saw the disciples in the storm. Third, He walked on the surface of the sea. Fourth, when He entered the boat the wind ceased, and the waves died down. Fifth, the boat was immediately transported to the shore. Finally, on land, Jesus began to heal the sick.

Many who experienced His miracles would never come to embrace Him in genuine saving faith, true believers, like the disciples,

moved beyond mere amazement to the place of sincere worship. Overwhelmed by everything that took place in those two days, the disciples responded in worshipful recognition that their Master was the Son of God. What about you? What more evidence do you need to know, to understand that Jesus Christ is the Messiah, the Son of God?