

WEEK # 15

6/14/20

Mark 6:45-56 The Kingdom of God is at Hand

[The Lesson Everyone Missed. Chris Brown Mark 6:45-52 LINK \(digging deeper\)](#)

- What is the lessons of the loaves?
 - Heartened heart belongs to any followers than thinks it about **me**. Jesus is in **my** boat to bless **me**, to answer **my** prayers and to guide **me**.
 - An open heart says my life is his. My life, day, job, family and relationships are to honor Christ; it is his show, not mine.
 - He walks on water, I don't.
- Chapter 6 is about "Who is this Jesus"?
- End each day with a question, "How did I honor God today?"
- What's missing in this story? Peter walking on water. Why? Because in the gospel of Mark, Peter knows – **it's not about (him)**

Main Idea: Jesus' miraculous acts of walking on water and healing point to His true identity as the great "I AM."

I. Jesus Is the One in Whom We Should Have Faith (6:45-52).

- A. We are guided by His plans (6:45).
- B. We are encouraged by His prayers (6:46).
- C. We are blessed by His power (6:47-50).
- D. We are blessed by His person (6:50-51).
- E. We are blessed by His patience (6:52).

II. Jesus Is the One to Whom We Should Come When We Hurt (6:53-56).

- A. Jesus can be sought by those in need (6:53-55).

DISCUSSION GUIDE

In Pastor Ricky's Sermon he said, "I just think we don't always know why God does what he does. But we trust he has a plan and a purpose behind it all."

Share I time you experienced this, or is it something you are experiencing now?

Read verses 45-52. What is Jesus' purpose in going out on the lake? (Notice that they are not in danger. Notice he was "about to pass them by" [verse 48].)

Read verses 51-52. What common character quality prevented the disciples from understanding the meaning of both the feeding of the 5,000 and Jesus' walking on water? How can we avoid that?

If someone told you that it is impossible for a man to walk on water, how would you respond?

If someone suggested that the disciples created myths about Jesus after His death, how would you respond?

What was the crowd hoping for when they wanted to crown Jesus king immediately?

Have you ever felt that you were doing the will of God obediently, but you still ended up with trouble and difficulty? How did you feel during the trouble? How did it turn out in the end?

Mark records three of the instances when Jesus prayed (1:35; 6:46; 14:32-42). How might you change the time, place, and nature of your prayers in light of those accounts?

Try to imagine what you would have done if you had seen your favorite teacher walking on water. Why were the disciples terrified?

How are you encouraged by the disciples' slowness to understand who Jesus was?

COMPARE Mark 6:53-56 WITH Mark 5:1-20.

Mark 6:53-56 (ESV): When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore.

54 And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him
55 and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was.

56 And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

Mark 5:16–20 (ESV): And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs.

17 **And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region.**

18 As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him.

19 And he did not permit him but said to him, **“Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.”**

20 And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.

Describe the OIKOS experience that took place.

What does your OIKOS look like today?