

Why does Mark say nothing of Jesus teaching there?

14. What does this episode reveal about Jesus' involvement in our own trials?

**Reflection Questions:** When the storms of life come to me, how do I respond? Why? How is my prayer life? What can I do to improve it? Do I have insight into who Jesus is? Where is my heart hard? How can it be softened?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

#### Quotes to Ponder

*Jesus will take the disciples where they haven't intended to go in order to produce in them what they could not achieve on their own.... God will take you where you haven't intended to go in order to produce in you what you could not achieve on your own.*

Paul David Trapp

*Whenever the master is absent from the disciples, they find themselves in distress. And each time they experience anguish it is because they lack faith.*

William L. Lane

*Smallness of faith and hardness of heart are two constant sins even of the disciples... Hardness of heart is that lack of spiritual perceptivity, that lack of readiness to learn, for which we are ultimately blameworthy ourselves.... Smallness of faith is a failure to remember God's working in the past and to apply that knowledge of His nature to our present problems.*

R. Alan Cole

*Disciples of Jesus are not expected to be fearless in every circumstance, but they are expected to learn from God's faithfulness in the past and to grow in their faith for the future.*

Mark L. Strauss

*When people fail to understand the identity of Christ, it is not because they are unintelligent, it is because their hearts are recalcitrant. Their hearts are made out of stone, for sin has caused great calluses to grow on their hearts, so that Christ Himself could walk in front of them on the water and they still would not believe.*

R.C. Sproul



Walking on Water

*Sermon*  
*Notes*

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1. Jesus and His Father (45-46)

2. Jesus and His Disciples (47-52)

3. Jesus and the Crowd (53-56)

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. Read this account in the following accounts, noting what you learn from each. Are there any contradictions? If so, how do you solve them?

*Matthew 14:22-36* —

*Mark 6:45-56* —

*John 6:14-21* —

3. What was Jesus priority in *Mark 6:45-46*? Why?

4. What do you think Jesus needed to pray? What do you think He prayed for (*Mark 6:46*)?

5. How long did Jesus let the disciples *strain at the oars* before He came to them (*Mark 6:47-48*)? Why?

6. What does it mean that Jesus *intended to pass them by* (*Mark 6:48*)?

*Exodus 33:19, 22* —

*1 Kings 19:11* —

*Exodus 34:6* —

What does this tell us about Jesus identity?

7. Why would Jesus come to the disciples *walking on the sea* (*Mark 6:48-49*)?

8. What do the following verses add to your understanding of Jesus walking on the water?

*Genesis 1:2* —

*Psalms 77:19* —

*Job 9:8* —

*Isaiah 43:16* —

9. What was Jesus doing when He said to the disciples, *it is I* (*Mark 6:50*)?

10. What do these verses add to your understanding of Jesus saying, *I am* (*Mark 6:50*)?

*Exodus 3:14* —

*Isaiah 43:11* —

*Deuteronomy 32:39* —

*Isaiah 51:12* —

*Isaiah 41:4* —

*John 8:58* —

11. Why were the disciples *utterly astonished* (*Mark 6:51*) when they have seen Him perform so many other miracles?

12. What didn't the disciples understand and fail to grasp about the feeding of the five thousand (*Mark 6:52*)?

13. What did Jesus do for the people of Gennesaret (*Mark 6:53-56*)?