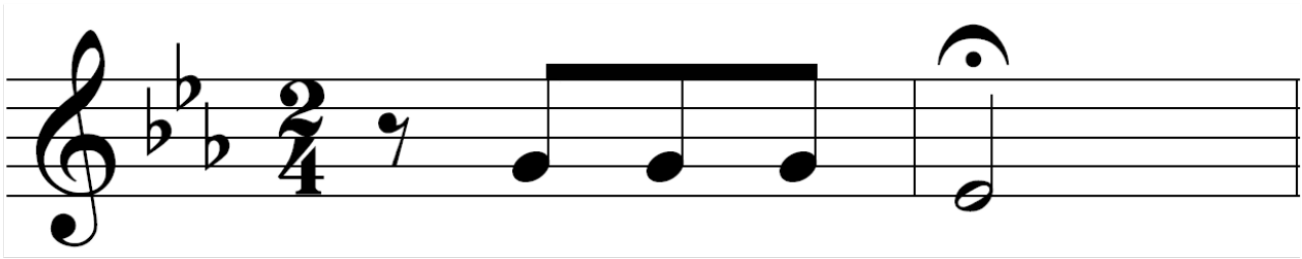




THE DARKNESS OF GOD

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BIG IDEA: Jesus is the *motif* ... even in the darkness, which can be a treasure. Are you a 3am follower?

Jesus (*the motif*) shows up in the dark:

Mark 6:45-50/Matthew 14:22-33/John 6:15-21

Two kinds of “darkness” in the Bible:

- “Evil”: the kind God has no part of: 1John 1:5; Matt. 4:16; John 12:35
- “Darkening”: the kind God uses:
I will give you the treasures of darkness and hidden wealth of secret places, so that you may know that it is I. – Isaiah 45:3 (Isaiah 45:7; 1 John 1:5; Psalm 139:1-12; Genesis 1:2; Exodus 14:21, 20:21)

Homework/questions for discussion:

- Go to Youtube: Listen to the whole first movement of Beethoven's *5th Symphony in C minor*. Look for the motif that runs through it all.
- Has Jesus been the motif in the dark seasons of your life or just the light ones?
- Are you going through dark waters? How do you see Jesus in the dark?
- Do you know somebody that's going through dark waters that needs your support?

For Next Week Read:

Deuteronomy 6:1-9