

# SO THAT YOUR AY BELIEVE

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# SIGNS: Walking on Water

John 6:15-21

SIGN	PASSAGE	LESSON
1. Turning the water into wine	2:1-11	Jesus is LORD of NATURE. Able to change one substance into another.
2. The healing of the nobleman's son	4:46-54	Jesus is LORD of LIFE. Able to give life on the one condition of faith.
3. The healing of the paralysed man	5:1-15	Jesus is the RESTORER of LOST POWERS. No matter how sinful a man is. Jesus is able to give life to the spiritually dead.
4. The feeding of the five thousand	6:1-14	Jesus is the FOOD by which we live. Able to SUSTAIN the spiritual life He creates.
5. The walking on the water	6:15-21	Jesus is our GUIDE and HELPER. Able to come to His disciples. No barriers can keep Him away from his disciples in their times of need.
6. The healing of the blind man	9:1-41	Jesus is our LIGHT. He enables every person who is obedient to what he knows of Christ to find still greater truth. Whoever refuses to obey will have his present knowledge taken away.
7. The raising of Lazarus	11:1-57	Jesus is LORD of ETERNAL LIFE. His gift of life does not end with death of the physical body.



#### Christ walking on the sea

Matt 14:22-33 – Peter's walk Mark 6:45-52 – 'w/o insight' John 6:16-21 - today



"Jesus Christ is no security against life's storms, but He is perfect security in life's storms."

Wendell Loveless

15 So Jesus, perceiving that they were intending to come and take Him by force to make Him king, withdrew again to the mountain by Himself alone.



16 Now when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea,

17 and after getting into a boat, they started to cross the sea to Capernaum. It had already become dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them.



#### Set Sail 15-17

- Political title He was King of Kings!
- Whose side are you on?
- Jesus goes alone sends disciples ahead
- Psalm 46:10 'be still and know...'



"The Bible's miracles are an important part of its story, and it is impossible to extract them from the Bible without destroying its central message." Billy Graham

6:18 The sea began to be stirred up because a strong wind was blowing.



19 Then, when they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near to the boat; and they were frightened.





## Stormy Weather 18-19

- Sudden storm! 600 ft below sea level
- Mountain ridges west
- 4<sup>th</sup> watch 3-6 am (Matt)
- 'ghost' (Mark)

"If an unbeliever is confronted with a miracle as an irrefutable fact he would rather disbelieve his own senses than admit the fact." Fyodor Dostoyevsky The Brothers Karamazov

6:19 Then, when they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near to the boat; and they were frightened.



20 But He said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid."



21 So they were willing to receive Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.



## Savior Coming 19-21

- "It is I"
- · 'do not be afraid' frightened, alarmed, awe
- Matthew includes Peter not Mark or John
- Picture of death absent = present!
- The solution to every storm Jesus



"Miracles are not contrary to nature, but only contrary to what we know about nature." Augustine

"The most incredible thing about miracles is that they happen."

G.K. Chesterton

The Innocence of Father Brown

# Walking on water?

- •Storms = storms of life
  - 2 Ways in disobey & obey!
  - Jonah Daniel
  - 2 Ways out self & Savior!
  - rowing? Jesus?



A miracle occurs at the bankruptcy of our efforts – we are exhausted – He resolves!





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