

Miracles and the Messiah- Miracle 5- John 6:15-21

- Quick review of lesson from last week and purpose of this series.
- With John's purpose being to prove that Jesus is God. How did healing a man on the sabbath prove Jesus is God?
- Do you think I can walk on water? How about you? Could you walk on water? Let's test it out and see if I can walk on water. (**Stand on box of water bottles and walk**)
- Did you think that's what I meant when I asked about walking on water? What did you think I meant? Did you think we were going to go outside to the pond and I would walk across it? What would happen if I did that?
- Today we're going to look at a story where Jesus walks on water. But, we're going to look at the same story from a different perspective. We'll be looking at John's account of this story, but also Matthew's.
- As we go through today's lesson I want you to consider two questions
 - How does this miracle prove Jesus is God?
 - Does the info Matthew includes help prove Jesus is God? If so, how?
- Read John 6:15-21, Matthew 14:22-33
- **What happened? What did Jesus do?**
- **Retell the story**
 - Both John and Matt. place this event immediately after the feeding of the 5000.
 - Jesus sends the disciples away to go across the sea in a boat. He then goes up a mountain alone.
 - **Why do you think He went off alone? If Jesus needed to get alone to pray, what does that say about us?**
 - So Jesus has prayed and spent time with God to recharge. As He comes down the mountain he sees the disciples boat is in the middle of a storm.
 - Jesus walks on the water to them and both Matthew and John indicate the disciples were afraid. In fact Matt. says the disciples thought it was a ghost.

- **Why would they think Jesus walking on water was a ghost? Would you?**
 - Jesus tells them not to be afraid.
 - Now, here is where things start to differ in the accounts a lot. John says Jesus entered the boat, and they take Him in the boat. John ends the story there.
 - But Matt. continues the story with Peter calling out to Jesus saying, “If it is you ask me to come to you on the water and I will come.”
 - **What does Peter saying he’d come to Jesus on the water say about his faith? What can we take from this and apply to our lives?**
 - Jesus calls to Him. and Peter walks on the water, but then notices the waves and he takes his eyes off of Jesus. When he does that he begins to sink.
 - **What does Peter calling to Jesus for help say about his faith? What can we take from this and apply to our lives?**
 - He calls out to Jesus and Jesus saves him.
 - Matt ends the story with the disciples declaring Jesus is the son of God.
- **Why do you think Matthew included more details in his account of this miracle?**
 - **How does this miracle prove Jesus is God? Does the info Matthew includes help prove Jesus is God? If so, how?**
 - Jesus has complete control over the world around Him and the elements. Only He could walk on the water, only He could call Peter to walk on the water as well, and only He could rescue Peter.

Take away from this lesson-

Jesus is the only one who could rescue us from what we really need to be saved from.