

Digging Deeper: John 6:16–24 - Jesus Walks on Water

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Using the NLT Translation

Day 1

Read all of John 6:16–24, and pray that you will understand what God is teaching us.

- What happened that evening before the disciples went to the boat. See John 6:10.
- Verse 16 begins with His disciples going down to the shore to wait for Him. Why did Jesus not go with them?

Day 2

- Why do the disciples get into the boat to cross over after feeding the 5,000. See verses 16–17 and Matthew 14:22.
- Why did Jesus withdraw to the mountain by himself? Read Matthew 14:23 and Mark 6:46. What can we learn from Jesus when He goes off by himself like this?

Day 3

Describe the situation that the disciples find themselves in during the night? Read John 6:18 and Matthew 14:24.

- Who do you think is responsible for them being in this situation?
- Do you ever find yourself jumping in the boat and not waiting on the Captain?
- What can we learn from this?

Day 4

Read verses 19–21.

- Does the sight of Jesus calm the fears of the disciples? See Mark 6:49 and Matthew 14:26.
- Jesus says to them, “Don’t be afraid, I am here!”

Day 5

Given the way Jesus uses the phrase, “I Am,” elsewhere in the Gospel of John, what might Jesus be trying to tell them beyond identifying Himself? See John 8:58, Exodus 3:14 and Job 9:8.

Day 6

There is a sequel to Jesus walking on the water found in Psalm 107:23–31.

- How can we apply the events of these stories to the situations that we find ourselves?

To Ponder:

1. Have you ever been in a situation when you thought you were in real danger of drowning?
2. If you like boating, how do you feel when the waves get choppy and the winds start to howl?