

Sandbar or Miracle?

Matthew #99

Matthew 14:22-33

Because the crowd was fed and full, they wanted to make Jesus king of Galilee.

The Sea of Galilee is also known as Lake Tiberias or Lake Gennesaret

When did the storm start? John 6:16-17

Mark 6 states that they got on the boat as it was getting dark.

Why do we need to know that? The 4<sup>th</sup> watch falls between 3:00 and 6:00 am, that means the disciples had been on the lake for about 9 hours.

The theory that Jesus was walking on a sandbar fails since none exist in the depths of the sea so far from shore. Such explanations are grounded in the assumption that the natural laws that govern the universe are immutable and cannot be suspended.

Obedience to God does not automatically remove all obstacles.

Good theology and bad application often indicates spiritual deadness, that is revealed as you experience, anxiety, fear, indecision, anger, sadness, depression and emotional exhaustion.