

# Spiritual Development: The Gospel According to John

## It Is I: Jesus Walks on Water

Thursday, May 22 · 7pm EST · John 6:16-21 · Bring your Bible and your notes to class with you.

■ Use the space below each question to journal your thoughts.

### Friday | Explore the Chapter

Read John 6 in your favorite translation. Jot anything that comes to mind — questions, confusions, what stands out, what you wonder about.

### Saturday | Read Again

Read John 6 in a different translation. Notice what's new. No specific questions today.

### Sunday | Gather & Worship

Attend church.

### Monday | Sermon Replay

Watch Sunday's sermon.

1. What was the title of the sermon?
2. What scripture references were used during the sermon?
3. What were the main points of the sermon?
4. What was your greatest personal takeaway from the message?
5. What is one specific thing you will do or act on this week based on what you heard?

### Tuesday | Understanding the Text

John 6:16-21 — All answers are found directly in the text.

1. Who — Who are the people in this passage? What do you know about them, and where is Jesus when the scene opens?
2. What — What happens to the disciples on the water, and what do they see that frightens them?
3. Where — Where are the disciples headed, and how far out to sea are they when Jesus appears (v. 19)?
4. Why — Why do you think the disciples were afraid when they saw Jesus walking on the water (v. 19)?
5. How — How does the passage end (v. 21)? What two things happen immediately when they receive Jesus into the boat?

## Wednesday | Observing the Details

John 6:16-21 — What do you actually see in the text?

1. The disciples set out without Jesus -- He had not yet come to them (v. 17). What do you notice about the fact that the storm came while they were doing exactly what they were supposed to be doing?
2. The wind was strong and the sea was rough (v. 18). The text does not say the disciples prayed or cried out. What do you observe about how they are handling the situation before Jesus appears?
3. Jesus walked toward them on the water and they were frightened (v. 19). What does their fear in that moment reveal about how we can fail to recognize Jesus when He shows up in unexpected ways?
4. Jesus says 'It is I' -- which in Greek is ego eimi, the same phrase as 'I AM' (v. 20). Knowing that, what is Jesus communicating beyond simply identifying Himself?
5. Verse 21 says they were willing to receive Him, and immediately the boat reached the shore. What do you observe about the connection between willingness to receive Jesus and the resolution of the crisis?

## Thursday | Applying the Word

John 6:16-21 — Come ready to share one response.

1. The disciples were rowing hard in the dark, in a storm, making slow progress -- and Jesus came to them in the middle of it (vv. 18-19). Where are you right now straining and making little headway? What would it mean to let Jesus into that situation?
2. They were frightened when they saw Jesus (v. 19). Has there been a time when you almost missed Jesus because He came in a form or at a moment you didn't expect? What did that teach you about how He works?
3. Jesus said 'Don't be afraid. I am here' (v. 20). Which part of that statement do you need most right now -- the command not to fear, or the assurance of His presence? Why?
4. They willingly received Him and the boat immediately reached the shore (v. 21). What is one area of your life where you have been rowing on your own? What would it look like to willingly receive Jesus into it this week?

### ◆ MEMORY VERSE

"But he called out to them, 'Don't be afraid. I am here!'" — John 6:20 (NLT)