

Acts 2:46, "So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart."

I Timothy 1:5, "Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith."

Hebrews 4:12, "For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

I John 3:20, "For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things."

GENNESARET'S SICK – 6:53-56

Mark 6:53, "When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret and anchored there. 54) And when they came out of the boat, immediately the people recognized Him, 55) ran through that that whole surrounding region, and began to carry about on beds those who were sick to wherever they heard He was. 56) Wherever He entered, into villages, cities, or the country, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged Him that they might just touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched Him were made well."

- We see frenzied activity – the people carry their sick on bedrolls or quilts begging for (7) _____' touch.
- Many times through the years I felt the (8) _____ of Jesus Christ.
- "As many as touched Him were made well" – Greek imperfect tense which indicates a (9) _____ succession of sick people healed!

Additional Notes: _____



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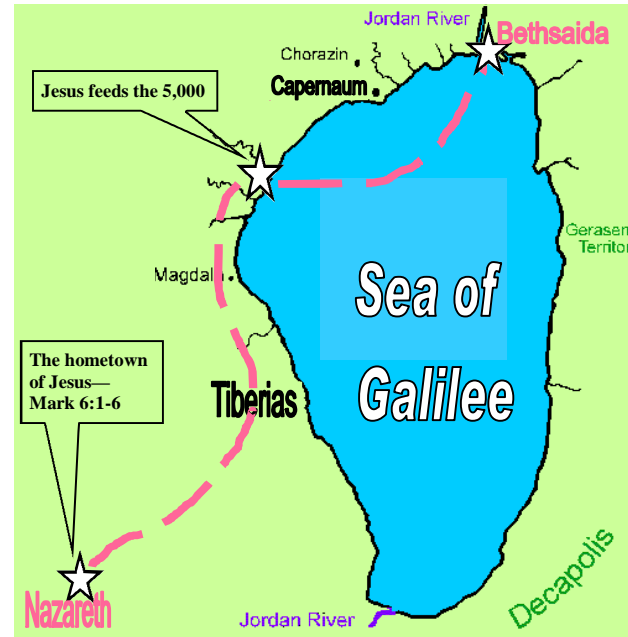


**Pastor Jerry Johnston's sermonar
Wednesday, September 9th, 2009
"Watching Jesus Walk on Water"
Message #10 in the series, "Your Miracle in the Mirror of Mark"**

Bible Text: Mark 6:45-56, pp. 1654-1655 in the Nelson Study Bible

John 6:13, "Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten. 14) Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, 'This is truly the Prophet who is come into the world.' 15) Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone."

JESUS EVADES POPULARITY – 6:45-46



Mark 6:45, "Immediately He made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while He sent the multitude away. 46) And when He had sent them away, He departed to the mountain to pray."

- Jesus resisted (1) _____ in His desire to please the Father. Do you?

"John tells us that after the crowd had been fed there was a move to take Jesus and to make him king. That was the last thing Jesus desired. It was that very way of power that once, finally and for all, He had rejected at the time of His temptations." -William Barclay, *The Gospel of Mark* (Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, 1975), 160.



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What does God say about popularity?

2 Timothy 3:12, “Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.”

John 7:7, “The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil.”

John 15:18, “If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. 19) If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not out of the world, therefore the world hates you.”

I Corinthians 4:12, “And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; 13) being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now.”

JESUS COMMITMENT TO PRAYER – 6:47

Mark 6:46, “And when He had sent them away, He departed to the mountain to pray. 47) Now when evening came, the boat was in the middle of the sea; and He was alone on the land. 48) Then He saw them straining at rowing, for the wind was against them. Now about the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea, and would have passed them.”

- We see Jesus’ amazing intensity in prayer – He had prayed for (2) _____!
- How do we know? The Jewish night was from 6:00p.m. to 6:00a.m. and it was divided into 4 watches – 6 pm – 9 pm; 9 pm – 12 midnight, 12 midnight – 3 am; and 3 am – 6 am.

“Another of those unexpected storms blew up on the Sea of Galilee and the waves began to lash the boat (Matthew 14:24). The disciples took oars to stabilize the boat and to try to bring it to shore. But ‘the wind was contrary to them’ and they made almost no progress. Then about the fourth watch of the night, around three in the morning, Jesus came to them, walking on the water.”

-Howard F. Vos, *Mark* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1978), 61.

- Jesus’ notices the disciples struggling on the sea somewhere between 3:00 am and 6:00 am. – it speaks of (3) _____ of prayer!
- We see our struggle in life: “He saw them straining at rowing, for the wind was against them” (vs. 48).

● We will struggle in our lives, job, marriage, etc. unless we put Jesus Christ first! ●

Matthew 6:33, “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”

- Jesus always watches us particularly when we are troubled!

John 14:1, “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.”

THE POWER OF JESUS CHRIST – 6:48-51

Mark 6:48b, “Now about the fourth watch of the night He came to them, WALKING ON THE SEA, and would have passed them by. 49) And when they saw Him walking on the sea, they supposed it was a ghost, and cried out; 50) for they all saw Him and were troubled. But immediately He talked with them and said to them, ‘Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.’ 51) Then He went into the boat to them, and the wind ceased. And they were greatly amazed in themselves beyond measure, and marveled.”

- Jesus, Creator of the Universe, walked (4) _____ the Sea of Galilee!

Colossians 1:15, “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16) For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are in earth, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17) And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.”

- Jesus can remove all your (5) _____ if you will trust Him.

I John 4:18, “There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. 19) We love Him because He first loved us.”

WATCH YOUR HEART – 6:52

Mark 6:52, “For they had not understood about the loaves, because their HEART WAS HARDENED.”

- The Bible commands us to watch our (6) _____!

Matthew 15:19, “For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.”

Matthew 22:37, “Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. 38) This is the first and great commandment.’”