

***The Gospel According to Mark
Jesus. Servant. Master.***

Lesson 25

Read Mark 6:45 – 52

Introduction: This week take time to follow our Lord's example. Get away from all distractions and come face to face with your Father. Spend time in His presence with your Bible open and your heart ready to receive His instruction, direction, and wisdom. Ask Him to fill you with the power of the Holy Spirit and for His peace that passes all understanding. This can be as simple as rising early in the morning before the family is awake or going for a prayer walk and finding a place to sit and mediate on the Lord. The main thing is to get away from all distractions as you speak and listen to the Lord.

Pastor Rick Myers

1. Compare the accounts of Jesus walking on the water in Matthew 14:22 – 33, Mark 6:45 – 52 and John 6:15 – 21. What insights do we learn from Matthew, Mark and John's gospel writings?

Matthew:

Mark:

John:

2. In Mark 6:45 Jesus strongly urged His disciples to get into the boat and go before Him while He departed to the mountains to pray. What did Jesus say to His disciples that would give them faith and hope as they made their way to Bethsaida?

“Being all-knowing God, He knew He was sending them right into a storm. But the storm was not intended to beat them; it was intended to build them”
Pastor Stephen Chappell

3. Jesus had been on the mountain praying for about nine hours. The “fourth watch” would of have been 3:00am – 6:00am in the morning. Perhaps there was a full moon or the glow of the sun rising which illuminated the struggle the disciples were having as they rowed against the wind. How have you struggled to fulfill the will of God in your own life? What would you consider to be the wind, waves and storms trying to stop or detour you? (Share with group your experience)

- Have you ever felt like giving up? That what you were laboring in felt hopeless and you were “*straining*” to do what God had shown you to do and you’re getting nowhere? What four words change everything according to Mark 6:48?

4. According to Mark 6:49 *when they saw Jesus walking on sea* they thought they had seen a ghost and *cried out*. The literal meaning of *cried out* is “*a deep throaty shriek of terror*”; another translation says they “*screamed like women*”. Why do you think these disciples were so terrified and afraid? Have you ever been full of fear like the disciples were?

5. How did Jesus calm their troubled hearts in Mark 6:50?

- How did Peter react when he heard the words of Jesus according to Matthew 14:28 – 31?

6. How did Matthew, Mark and John end this story according to Matthew 14:32 – 33, Mark 6:51 – 52 and John 6:21?

- God will allow different storms to come into our lives. These trials are usually correcting, directing or perfecting us. If you were to give your life a weather report what would it be?