

Mark 6:45-56 — "Jesus Walks On Water"

This text clearly reveals the DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST.

"The human heart is like a ship on a stormy sea driven about by winds blowing from all four corners of heaven." (Martin Luther)

Background to Mark 6

- Mark 6:1-6 Jesus' Teaching in Nazareth
- Mark 6:7-13 Jesus sends the 12 out
- Mark 6:14-29 John the Baptist Beheaded
- Mark 6:30-44 - Jesus Feeds Five thousand
- **Mark 6:45-52 Jesus Walks on the water**
- **Mark 6:53-56 Jesus Heals by Touching**
- Mark 5-6 - miracles after miracle showing deity & power fo Jesus
- Mark 7 -shows the mounting/intensifying conflict w/ Pharisees.

THESIS — IN TIMES OF CRISIS: THE SAVIOR PRAYS, THE SAVIOR KNOWS, THE SAVIOR HELPS.

In the crisis, what characterizes your Savior?

1. Your Savior PRAYS ALL NIGHT
2. Your Savior WALKS ON WATER
3. Your Savior HEALS THE SICK

I. YOUR SAVIOR PRAYS ALL NIGHT! (45-46)

Note the PRIORITY OF Jesus' prayer life

He is:

divine - but he prays

busy - but he prays

wise - but he prays

tired - but he prays

popular - but he prays

Interesting consideration: Jesus was PRAYING ALL NIGHT while the disciples were in great danger all night. So While Jesus prayed, they were safe.

II. YOUR SAVIOR WALKS ON WATER! (47-52)

"Jesus Came To them" — what a comforting phrase:

The Savior who SEES

The Savior who DRAWS NEAR

The Savior who CARES

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The Savior who PRAYS

The Savior who WORKS

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★**Take courage!** — be courageous in hardship!

★**Look at Christ!** — (I AM) = be leaning on Jesus!

★**No need to fear!** — be trusting, not fearful!

III. YOUR SAVIOR HEALS THE SICK! (53-56)

4 immovable pillars you need to have as you weather the storms of life...

- Remember the **PRAYERS** of your Savior
- Remember the **PROMISES** of your Savior
- Remember the **PRESENCE** of your Savior
- Remember the **POWER** of your Savior

WHEN WAVES OF TROUBLE 'ROUND ME SWELL

TUNE: "How sweet and awful is the place"

When waves of trouble round me swell, My soul is not dismayed;
I hear a voice I know full well, "'Tis I; be not afraid."

When black the threat'ning skies appear, And storms my path invade,
Those accents tranquilize each fear, "'Tis I; be not afraid."

There is a gulf that must be crossed; Saviour, be near to aid!
Whisper, when my frail life is tossed, "'Tis I; be not afraid."

WHO IS JESUS CHRIST

- **With God in the Beginning** (John 1:1-4; 17:5) – There was no point at which Christ suddenly came into being or began a relationship with God. Jesus is eternal.
- **Word made Flesh** (John 1:14; 1 Timothy 3:16) – Christ did not “appear” as a man, but humanity was added to His deity when He became “flesh.”
- **Image of the Invisible God** (Colossians 1:15-17; John 1:17) – Christ is the perfect manifestation of God—the very substance and embodiment of the Creator.
- **Mediator between God and man** (1 Timothy 2:5; 1 Corinthians 8:6) – There is only one way to approach God—through the Son of Man who gave Himself as a ransom for mankind.
- **Head over All Things** (Philippians 2:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:27-28) – Christ’s name is not simply a title. It refers to His position of highest dignity and honor at the Father’s right hand.
- **Light of the World** (John 1:4-5; 9:5) – From the beginning, God desired to have a personal relationship with man, bringing him out of the darkness of evil, sin, and ignorance. Christ is the only true Light.
- **Anointed One** (Luke 4:18-19; John 3:34) – Jesus confirmed that He was the Messiah who would bring the long promised Kingdom of God.
- **The Good Shepherd** (John 10:14) – Jesus has an intimacy and personal interest in protecting His “sheep” from all harm.
- **Bread of Life** (John 6:35, 51) – Jesus is an essential staple for our lives, providing an everlasting satisfaction.
- **Healer and Forgiver** (Luke 5:22-25; Mark 2:5-11) – Forgiveness is always associated with God. Jesus has authority to heal broken lives—spiritually as well as physically.
- **The Way, the Truth, the Life** (John 10:9, 14:6) – Access to God the Father, can come only from the One who is from the Father.
- **The Resurrection and Life** (John 11:25-26) – Jesus, the Lord of Life, offers eternal life. With authority, He holds the keys of death (Revelation 1:17-18).
- **Son of David** (Mark 10:47) – Blind Bartimaeus recognized Jesus as David’s descendant. The crowds proclaimed Jesus the designated Messiah-King (Matthew 21:8-9).
- **Man of Sorrows** (Isaiah 53:3; Matthew 8:16-17) – Our sins and weaknesses were not Jesus’, but ours. He bore them for us.
- **Sinless/Holy** (Hebrews 7:26) – Jesus needed no sacrifice for Himself, rather offering Himself as a sacrificial Lamb for our impurities (Acts 8:32).
- **Prince of Peace** (Isaiah 9:6) – The prophet speaks of the Messiah who will bring to pass the time of millennial peace. Christ’s legacy was “peace with God” and the “peace of God” (John 14:27).
- **The Power and Wisdom of God** (1 Corinthians 1:24; Colossians 2:2-3) – Paul understood that through Christ, knowledge is the acquisition of Truth and wisdom is Truth applied to life (John 10:9; 14:6).

FAIREST LORD JESUS

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
Fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels Heav'n can boast.

All fairest beauty, heavenly and earthly,
Wondrously, Jesus, is found in Thee;
None can be nearer, fairer or dearer,
Than Thou, my Savior, art to me.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forever more be Thine.