



John 6:16-27

1/27/19 AM

WALKING ON WATER

Introduction:

I. THE APPEARANCE OF THE MASTER (6:16-25)

A. The a-Cappella Crossing (vs. 16-17)

“now when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea”

“after getting into a boat they started to cross the sea to Capernaum”

“Jesus had not yet come to them”

B. The Sudden Squall (vs. 18)

“the sea began to be stirred up because a strong wind was blowing”

C. The Fearful Phantom (vs. 19)

“when they had rowed about three or four miles”

“they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near to the boat”

“they were frightened”

D. The Sovereign Savior (vs. 20-21)

“He said to them, ‘It is I; do not be afraid.’”

“so they were willing to receive Him into the boat”

“immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going”

E. The Curious Crowd (vs. 22)

“the next day the crowd that stood on the other side of the sea”

“saw that there was no other small boat there, except one”

“and that Jesus had not entered with His disciples into the boat”

“but that His disciples had gone away alone”

E. The Hungering Horde (vs. 23-24)

“there came other small boats from Tiberias”

“near to the place where they ate the bread after the Lord had given thanks”

“so when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples”

“they themselves got into the small boats, and came to Capernaum seeking Jesus”

E. The Mystified Mob (vs. 25)

“when they found Him on the other side of the sea”

“they said to Him, ‘Rabbi, when did You get here?’”

II. THE ADMONITION OF THE MASTER (6:26-27)

A. Seek Him for the Right Reason (vs. 26)

“Jesus answered them and said, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled.’”

“They were always deceiving themselves with the idea that they wanted more evidence and pretending that if they had this evidence they would believe. Thousands in every age do just the same.... The plain truth is that it is lack of heart, not lack of evidence, that keeps people back from Christ.”
– J.C. Ryle

B. Seek Him by the Right Route (vs. 27a)

“do not work for the food which perishes...”

“...but for the food which endures to eternal life”

C. Seek Him for a Right Relationship (vs. 27b)

“which the Son of Man will give to you”

“for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal”

Conclusion:

- 1) We grow to know and trust the Lord through the trials that He puts us through.
- 2) We grow to know and trust the Lord through the jobs that He gives us to do.
- 3) We learn to not fear when we recognize Jesus’ abiding presence with us.
- 4) We learn not to doubt when we take Him at His word and cast our cares upon Him.