



# Walking With the Savior

## Through An Eyewitness Account of John

**John**, one of the sons of Zebedee, stood as an eyewitness to the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. He began his journey as a fisherman, leaving behind his nets and the future he had planned for himself to follow a teacher, a prophet, and a miracle worker. At the outset, John did not fully understand who Jesus was or what lay ahead. In faith, he aligned himself with Jesus, drawn by His words and deeds.

As John walked alongside Jesus, witnessing His teachings and miracles, he gradually realized that Jesus was far more than a prophet or a remarkable teacher. John came to understand that Jesus was God in the flesh. This revelation was not just a turning point for John personally, but a moment of eternal significance. By choosing to follow Jesus, John's future was forever changed, and his decision would go on to impact the world—not only in his own time but throughout every generation to come. **Let's embark on an inspiring journey with John as we walk alongside Jesus.**

## Background Matters

6:16–17. According to Mark 6:45, Jesus compelled His disciples to get **into the boat** and go to Bethsaida while He dismissed the crowds. From Bethsaida they went on toward **Capernaum**. Both villages are at the north end of the Sea of Galilee. **His disciples went down to the lake**, for the land is hilly and high on the east side. As they got out on the lake, the sun went down and the wind picked up. Jesus was up in the hills praying while watching them in their toil (Mark 6:45–48).

6:18–19. The west **wind**, which often picks up at evening, caught them in the open water. They were headed directly into it and found themselves making little progress. They were “straining at the oars” (Mark 6:48). The Sea of Galilee is notable for its sudden and severe storms. **They had rowed three or three and a half miles**, so they were in the middle of the lake. **They were terrified** to see a figure **walking on the water**. They thought it was a ghost (Mark 6:49). Rational explanations have included the idea that Jesus was walking on the sand by the shore or floating on a large beam or log, but neither notion does justice to the text. This occurred in the “fourth watch” of the night, that is, between 3 and 6 o'clock in the morning (Matt. 14:25; Mark 6:48).



6:20–21. The clause **It is I** is literally “I Am,” and was used by Jesus (in 8:58) with strong theological meaning. In this setting it seems to mean only that Jesus was identifying Himself. When the disciples recognized Him, they welcomed **Him into the boat**. By the words **and immediately the boat reached the shore** another miracle is probably intended. The two signs on the land and the lake reveal Jesus as the Provider of a “bread” which gives life (as the next section will expound) and as the Savior who intercedes for and protects His own. He intervenes in their times of troubles and brings them to safety.<sup>1</sup>

***This week in "Walking With the Savior"*** *The sea became restless because of a strong wind. At first, the weather was serene and enjoyable when the voyage began; those involved lacked the courage to set out in bad weather. Yet, once they were on the water, the storm took shape unexpectedly. During calmer times, it is vital to prepare for possible difficulties, as they can appear suddenly. It should be comforting for righteous individuals, when facing rough conditions at sea, to remember that even Christ's followers faced similar challenges. The assurances from a kind God can help alleviate the fears brought on by a raging sea. Therefore, even in a storm and darkness, their situation is not worse than that of Christ's disciples. Sometimes, clouds and darkness surround those seen as children of light. If you find yourself caught in a storm, it's crucial to remember that He can quiet it in His own time. On the other hand, during peaceful times, one should keep in mind that there are often moments of calm that come before life's challenges. In the end, Christ has control over the storms of life.*

## **Study Guide 18**

***This study guide presents daily assignments that are specifically crafted to enhance your growth in the Word. Embrace each moment to meditate and reflect, and watch as your spiritual maturity flourishes through your dedicated efforts.***

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<sup>1</sup> Edwin A. Blum, “John.” in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures*, ed. J. F. Walvoord and R. B. Zuck, vol. 2 (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1985), 294.



# **THE WATER WALKER**

Jesus Walks on the Water

## **John 6:16–24**

Topics:

Circumstances, Fear, Insecurity, Jesus Christ, Miracles, Nature, People, Power, Sovereignty

**Open It, Mondays.** Open your heart and mind to the truth of the Word.

1. \*What is the most frightening situation you have ever experienced?

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**Explore It,** Tuesdays, keep the rhythm of personal study moving.

2. Where did Jesus' disciples go? (6:16)

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3. Who hadn't joined the disciples yet? (6:17)

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4. What happened to the water? (6:18)

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5. \*What miraculous feat did Jesus perform? (6:19)

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6. \*How did the disciples react to what they saw? (6:19)

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7. What did Jesus do to calm His disciples' fear? (6:20)

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**Push on Wednesday**, keep the rhythm of personal study moving.

8. \*What miraculous event took place once Jesus entered the boat? (6:21)

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9. Where was the crowd? (6:22)

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10. What did the crowd realize? (6:22)

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11. What did the crowd do when they realized that neither Jesus nor His disciples were there? (6:24)

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12. When and why have you ever been afraid for your life or personal safety?

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13. \*When do you feel alone and in need of God's presence?

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**Get It Thursdays**, keep the rhythm of personal study moving.

14. When do you tend to leave Jesus behind and out of the picture in your life?

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15. \*What fears has Jesus calmed in your life?

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16. Under what circumstances are you often unwilling to allow Jesus to enter your problems or troubling situations?

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17. What circumstances or events have caused you to search for Jesus?

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**Drive it Home, Fridays, keep the rhythm of personal study moving.**

18. \*How will you depend on God the next time a threatening situation confronts you?

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19. What specific fears do you need to ask God to calm in your life?

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