

THE FIFTH SIGN: JESUS WALKS ON THE SEA (*John 6:16-26*)

(*Mk 6:45*) (*Mat.14:22-36*)

I am the good shepherd (*John 10:11*)

In Aramaic, walking on the water means walking along the shore beside the water. Such storms on an inland body of water (dimensions 7 miles by 12 miles, **700 feet below sea level with a depth of 150 ft.**) were a common occurrence. The disciples had rowed 3 or 4 miles on the sea toward Capernaum which is on the **same** side, not the **other** side as is said here. The fear of the disciples reflect a belief in demons and evil spirits because a man walking alone in the dark by the seashore or near a cemetery would often be thought to be an evil spirit. There are some big differences in the stories in the 3 gospels, namely, the role of Peter, so read all 3 to get a fuller understanding.

Significant words/phrases:

mountain--

boat--

storms--

Jesus--

3 or 4 miles--

withdrew to the mountain alone--

evening--

Capernaum--

walking on the sea--

take him into the boat--

Peter--

feet-

cries out to Jesus--

Study Questions:

1. What is the meaning of I am the good shepherd?
2. What does Peter represent in consciousness?
3. Why did Jesus put the disciples in the boat and go up to the mountain alone?

