



Miracles

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WARM UP QUESTIONS: What do you do when you find yourself alone in a difficult situation?

READ: John 6:16-21

FOCUS: Jesus performs miracles to bring His disciples through the chaos of the current corrupted creation so they might fulfill His mission and eventually inherit the new creation.

OBSERVE:

Jesus left his disciples to face the storm without him (verses 16–18).

- The crowd, believing that Jesus was the Prophet they had been anticipating, wanted to make Him accept that role by force. Perceiving their intentions, Jesus sent the disciples back to Capernaum alone, dismissed the crowd and withdrew by Himself.

Jesus reveals his glory to the disciples in the storm.

- The disciples looked up and saw Jesus walking on water and were frightened. Jesus was the Messiah they had been anticipating. But after they had seen Him walk on water, they realized He was much more than that – the Lord of all creation, God Himself (cf. Psalm 77:16-19).
- Jesus confirms this with His words when he says, “It is I; do not be afraid.” This can be translated as, “I Am,” an allusion to God’s revelation of His name to Moses in Exodus 3:14.
- By seeing Jesus walk on water and hearing Jesus’ words, the disciples went from seeing Him as the Messiah who would be Israel’s prophet and king, to the Messiah who is Israel’s God.

Jesus brings them safely through the chaos of the storm, transforming them in the storm (verse 21).

- On their own, the disciples were striving against the obstacles of the storm, but when God got in their boat, they were brought through the chaos of the waves and safely to shore.
- Not only did Jesus bring them through the chaos of the storm, but there was a transformative work in the disciples in the storm.

REFLECT:

- What kind of storms are you facing right now?
- How might God be revealing His glory in the midst of these challenges?
- How might God be working to transform you through these circumstances?

TAKING ACTION:

- If you are currently facing a storm, submit yourself to Jesus. In prayer, be still and invite God’s peace and miracle-working power into the situation.

PRAY:

Father in heaven, Creator of all the earth, You alone are holy and deserving of praise. You are our light and salvation. Help us to trust in You; grow our faith for the miraculous. In the situations we face, we ask You to turn things around for our good and for Your glory. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

