

Series: Goodnews
Passage: Mark 6:45-52
Sunday: September 13, 2026

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⁴⁵Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." ⁵¹And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵²for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

1. What did Jesus do when everyone left? What does this show about His nature? How is this our example?

2. How is the health of your prayer life? Do you meet God in the quietness of your life or only in public?

3. Why did Jesus wait so long to help the disciples at sea? (What does the fourth watch mean?)

4. What was the disciple's reaction to seeing Jesus walking on water?
5. Are there times when you don't trust in God's character or miracles? How can you overcome distrust and receive His gifts?
6. Why do you think the disciples were still surprised or even in denial to Jesus' miracles?
7. How did Jesus reassure the disciples? What do we learn from His comforting words?