

John 6:15-27 New International Version

15 Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

Jesus Walks on the Water

16 When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, **17** where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. **18** A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. **19** When they had rowed about three or four miles,^[a] they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were frightened. **20** But he said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid." **21** Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading.

22 The next day the crowd that had stayed on the opposite shore of the lake realized that only one boat had been there, and that Jesus had not entered it with his disciples, but that they had gone away alone. **23** Then some boats from Tiberias landed near the place where the people had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. **24** Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

Jesus the Bread of Life

25 When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

26 Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. **27** Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."

Footnotes

a. [John 6:19](#) Or about 5 or 6 kilometers

Questions:

1. Why do you think the disciples were afraid when they saw Jesus walking on the water?
2. Share a time when you knew Jesus was telling you to trust Him and not be afraid.
3. What were the people of the crowd seeking from Jesus?
4. Jesus told them, "This is the only work God wants from you: Believe in the one he has sent."

Explain what Jesus is saying to the people.
5. Have you put your trust in Jesus? How is this different from trying to do good works or be good enough to please God? Explain.