

Sign Five on The Sea John 6:16-20

John keeps it simple in his telling of Jesus walking on water, to quickly draw a contrast between the people's misguided concept of Jesus as an earthly ruler with limited power, and Jesus, the Messiah, the Son of God who has supreme authority in all the universe, who isn't restrained by physical laws and walks on water if needed.

Why did the disciples go to the lake and get in the boat? Jesus told them to. Mark 6:45
Remember the crowds we trying to make Jesus their King by force. But this was not God's timing and place. It was time for him and the disciples to get away and Jesus wanted to send the crowds home.

What do you do when people try to pull you off God's path for your life?

You need to pray and refocus. Mark 6:46

Sent Into a Dangerous Place

Why would Jesus do that?

1. **So that he could show them something _____ that _____ would see.**

This was a miracle that could only be performed by the God of the universe!

2. **Sometimes it's only in a dangerous and scary place that _____ shines _____!** ***"The safest place to be is in the center of God's will."***

3. **Jesus was not above calling His disciples to a dangerous place to _____ them something or _____ His power.**

Mark 6:51-52 Sometimes it takes a traumatic experience to break up the hard ground of a hardened heart and make it soft and pliable to the things of God again.

4. **Maybe Jesus wanted to see if they were _____ in their _____.**

What happened the last recorded time in the gospels, when Jesus made his disciples get into a boat? Mark 4
This time Jesus didn't get in the boat with them! How would they respond this time? John 6:18-20

John 6:21a Then they were willing to take him into the boat. **Are you going to let Jesus into your boat?**

Bold Next Step: This week I will prayerfully consider if I am allowing Jesus into my boat of life, or do I try to navigate the waters on my own?

What Happens When You Let Jesus into Your Boat? John 6:21

Jesus gets you where he wants you to go and often times a lot faster than you could get there yourself.

Sign Five Accomplished Its Purpose

Matthew 14:33 Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

John 20:30-31

Life App Group and Family Devotional Application

1. According to our notes, why did John keep his account short and precise? What did he want to show?
2. What do you do when people try to pull you off God's path for your life? Mark 6:46
3. In your own words, answer this question. Why would Jesus call or lead his followers into a dangerous place?
4. Why would Jesus send us to a dangerous place? Read and discuss the four answers to this question in our notes above.
5. As we navigate the waters of life, do we tend to let Jesus into our boat or do we try to sail alone?
6. How would you advise me to help me make sure that I am letting Jesus into my boat? What do you do?
7. What happens when we let Jesus into our boat? Give me an example from your life.
8. What did Sign Five accomplish in the disciples' lives?

Answers: about – himself – no – one – else / God's – glory – brightest / teach – demonstrate / growing - faith