

# SERMON NOTES

## TELL ME ABOUT HIS WALK ON THE SEA

**Mark 6:45-56**



**BIG IDEA:** Jesus is the sovereign Lord who rules the waters, comforts the fearful, and provides for the needy.

# APPLICATION GUIDE

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## DISCUSS

Read 6:45-56. Why do you think the sea is such a powerful image for both peace and danger?

Why did Jesus compel the disciples to get into the boat, and why did he go up the mountain to pray? (vv. 45–46)

What Old Testament echoes do you hear in the phrase “he meant to pass by them”? (vv. 48–49; cf. Ex 33–34; 1 Kgs 19; Job 9:8)

How does Jesus’ threefold response—“Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid”—reveal both his compassion and his divine identity? (v. 50)

Why does Mark connect the disciples’ amazement to their failure to understand the feeding of the five thousand? (v. 52)

How does the eager faith of the crowds at Gennesaret contrast with the fear and hardness of the disciples? (vv. 53–56)

## APPLY

Where in your life do you feel like you’re straining at the oars right now?

How are you tempted to believe that Jesus is unaware, uncaring, or distant?

Where have you seen Jesus’ past provision but are still tempted to doubt his present care?

What spiritual blindness keeps you from recognizing his hand in your life?

What would change in your life if you believed that even the “fringe” of his power is more than enough for you?

## COMMIT

This week, I will bring one area where I feel like I’m straining at the oars directly to Jesus in prayer, asking him to reveal his glory in it.