

## **JESUS FEEDS THOUSANDS AND WALKS ON STORMY WATERS**

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Picking up the story of Jesus again as Mark the Evangelist tells it, "*Later that night, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and he (Jesus) was alone on land. He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. Shortly before dawn he went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them, but when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought he was a ghost. They cried out, because they all saw him and were terrified.*" Mark 6:47-50.

How important is the story of Jesus walking on water? This week we are in chapter 6 of Mark and we come to this surprising and magical story of Jesus outside the disciples boat, walking toward them like he's going to pass by them and kind of looks like a ghost in the night.

Why do we need to hear this story? What is the message for the disciples? How does it fit into the detailed account of Mark's telling of the story of Jesus so far? What meaning does it have for us today beyond a very surprising scene where Jesus can do something none of the rest of us can do. Surely Jesus walking across the lake is more than just a cool story about his supernatural abilities. Even more important, what inspiration can we glean from Jesus walking on the water for our mission at LIFE Adventist Church?

You might be surprised! If we have piqued your interest or if you are being drawn by the good news about Jesus through Mark's message - join us this Sabbath as we continue the story of Jesus. If Jesus really walked on water what more could he do and how can he help us do the same? Come and see!

### **Some questions for us to consider**

1. What surprises you most about this story? Why do you think Jesus chose to show up to the disciples in this way?
2. How does Jesus feeding the five thousand and walking on the lake connect with the other events in this chapter?
3. What do you think Jesus was trying to teach or show his disciples?
4. How does this story inspire and encourage you today? How can it help us live out the mission God has for us at LIFE Adventist Church?