

## A Study of Mark - Lesson 18

### Mark 6:45-56. Walking on the Water

**6**<sup>45</sup> Immediately / Jesus made his disciples get into the boat / and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, / while he dismissed the crowd. / <sup>46</sup> After leaving them, / he went up on a mountainside to pray.

<sup>47</sup> Later that night, / the boat was in the middle of the lake, / and he was alone on land. / <sup>48</sup> 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, / <sup>49</sup> but when they saw him walking on



the lake, / they thought he was a ghost. / They cried out, /

<sup>50</sup> because they all saw him / and were terrified.

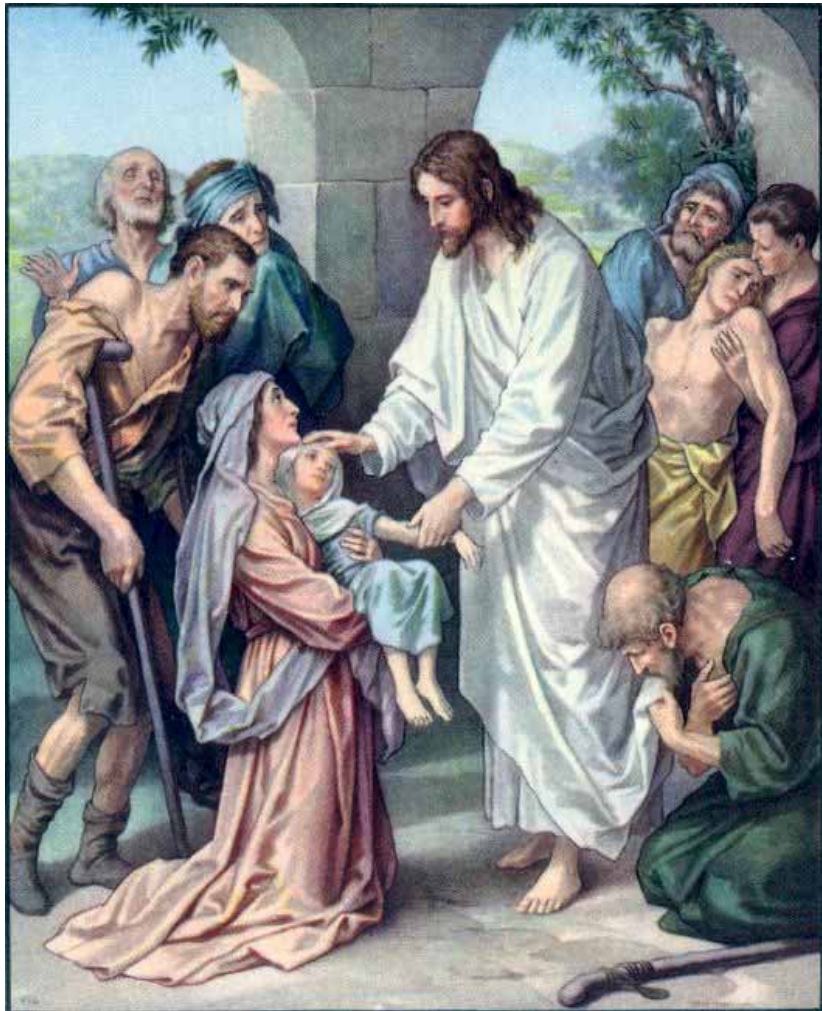
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Immediately he spoke to them and said, / “Take courage! / It is I. / Don’t be afraid.” / <sup>51</sup> Then he climbed into the boat with them, / and the wind died down. / They were completely amazed, / <sup>52</sup> for they had not understood about the loaves; / their hearts were hardened.

<sup>53</sup> When they had crossed over, / they landed at Gennesaret / and anchored there. / <sup>54</sup> As soon as they got out of the boat, / people recognized Jesus. / <sup>55</sup> They ran throughout that whole region / and carried the sick



on mats / to wherever they heard he was. / <sup>56</sup> And wherever he went / —into villages, / towns or countryside / —they placed the sick in the marketplaces. / They begged him / to let them touch / even the edge of his cloak, / and all who touched it were healed.

## ***Vocabulary***

1. **To strain:** To make an extreme effort. To work really hard as in pulling.
2. **Cloak:** n. Outer garment with no sleeves.
3. **To walk on the water:** Idiom used for someone who continuously does the impossible.

## ***Questions***

1. Can you recall why Jesus would need to be alone for a while to pray and to think?
2. What did the people expect Jesus to do for them?
3. How do you think the people heard about Jesus and knew where he was?
4. Have you known someone who was so good that you “thought he/she could walk on water?” Can you describe the person?



## **Notes**

1. Though we may not walk across water, we will go through difficult, faith-testing circumstances.
2. The phrase is widely used to refer to the performance of extraordinary tasks, as in the titles of books that aim to show individuals how to break through their personal limitations and achieve dramatic success.
3. This story is also told in Matthew and in John. This is the shortest version, and it leaves out the story of Peter walking to Jesus on the water.
4. Gennesaret. /Gin NES' seh ret/ Lake Gennesaret is another name for the Sea of Galilee. The Sea of Galilee is located in the great depression of the Jordan. The Plain of Gennesaret extends in a circular arc from the north to the northwest, and the Plain of Bet Zayda (Buteiha) in Syria extends to the northeast. To the west and the southwest, the hills of Lower Galilee fall abruptly to the lake's edge.