

### 3. The Christ of Destiny

*"Then they were glad to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going." (John 6:21)*

#### a) Jesus Assures Progress

*"Immediately the ship was at the land" (John 6:21)*

#### b) Jesus Assures Purpose

*"Immediately the ship was at the land whither they went" (John 6:21)*

*"We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them" (Ephes. 2:10)*

### Conclusion

In this beautiful little story we have learned three things: that the Christ of today is the Christ of sympathy, who from His vantage point in heaven intercedes and intervenes. We have learned that He is the Christ of victory, coming at just the right moment with just the right message: "It is I; be not afraid" (John 6:20). And we have learned that He is the Christ of destiny: when He comes in there is progress and purpose.

Will you do what the disciples did that day? They "willingly (or eagerly) received him into the ship" (John 6:21). If you do, He says, "I will come in" (Rev. 3:20). Will you ask Him in now?

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# The Miracles of Jesus Walking on the Water



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# The Miracles of Jesus

## Walking on the Water

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John 6:16-21

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### Introduction

It is one of the sad features of modern preaching that so often the emphasis is placed entirely upon the Jesus of history. Such a doctrine, however, is not the teaching of the New Testament concerning the Christ of today, the Christ of Christianity. The apostle Paul clearly states in his second Epistle to the Corinthians: *"Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer."* (2 Cor. 5:16). Why? Because He is no longer merely the Jesus of history. He is the risen Christ, the Lord of glory. His significance for us today lies not simply in the facts of his life and death in Palestine, though those are historic facts upon which our faith is based. The relevance of God in Christ for a world of today is that Jesus lives, and is operative in the everyday world in which we find ourselves. This beautiful story helps to elucidate the ever-present ministry of the risen Christ. We have here three pictures of Him. See Him, first of all, as:

### 1. The Christ of Sympathy

*"Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself" (John 6:15)*

*"we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin." (Hebrews 4:15)*

### a) Jesus' Place of Intercession

*Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. (Hebrews 7:25)*

### b) Jesus' Place of Intervention

*"For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (Romans 10:13)*

## 2. The Christ of Victory

*"They saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat" (John 6:19)*

### a) Jesus' Moment of Victory

*"And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus came to them, walking on the sea." (Matthew 14:25)*

### b) Jesus' Manner of Victory

*"They saw Jesus walking on the sea" (John 6:19)*

### c) Jesus' Message of Victory

*"It is I; do not be afraid" (John 6:20)*