

The Book of John:
The Disciple Jesus Loved
Study Notes

Chapter 6 PT. 2: Jesus Walks on the Water

John 6:16-34

Verses 16-18

John 6:16-18 (NASB) – “¹⁶ Now when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ and after getting into a boat, they *started to* cross the sea to Capernaum. It had already become dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ In addition, the sea *began* getting rough, because a strong wind was blowing.”



Remember: Jesus is always with us, He lives in us by His Spirit. It was dark and rough seas being encountered.

- People tend to only run to Jesus or seek Him out in the dark places and the storms of life.
- But just like with the original disciples, Jesus is Faithful to His Word.
- Just because He had not shown up yet, does not mean He would fail to keep His promise to them.

Verse 19

John 6:19 (NASB) – “¹⁹ Then, when they had rowed about twenty-five or thirty stadia, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat; and they were frightened.”



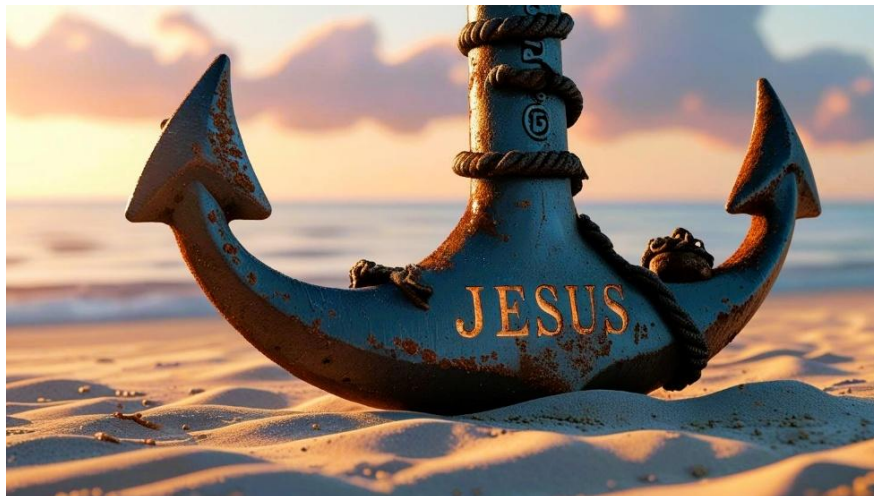
Stadia-(Greek)-stadion-is an ancient unit of measurement for length, roughly equivalent to 600 feet or 185 meters. (30 Stadia would be equal to 2.94 Miles.)

Understanding: I won't pick on the disciples here. I'm sure any human out in the middle of the sea at night, in rough waters would already be in fear or fighting fear off. Then to see someone walking on water I'm sure would frighten anyone.

Verses 20-21

John 6:20-21 (NASB) – “²⁰ But He said to them, ‘It is I; do not be afraid.’ ²¹ So they were willing to take Him into the boat, **and immediately** the boat was at the land to which they were going.”

Key: Jesus in any situation brings immediate stability! He is our anchor!



Hebrews 6:19-20 (NASB) – “¹⁹ This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a *hope* both sure and reliable and one which enters within the veil, ²⁰ where Jesus has

entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”

Verse 22

John 6:22 (NASB) – “²² The next day the crowd that stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other small boat there except one, and that Jesus had not gotten into the boat with His disciples, but *that* His disciples had departed alone.”

- Because the people did not have a revelation of who Jesus was, they assumed He had no other ability to cross the sea except by boat!
- When they only saw one small boat they thought Jesus did not go to Capernaum.

Note: Don’t allow your limited understanding limit what Jesus has already done.

Verses 23-24

John 6:23-24 (NASB) – “²³ Other small boats came from Tiberias near to the place where they ate the bread after the Lord had given thanks. ²⁴ So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they themselves got into the small boats and came to Capernaum, looking for Jesus.”

Key: They are looking for Jesus with impure motives and Jesus soon reveals this knowledge to them. Remember He knows the “**why**”!

Verses 25

John 6:25 (NASB) – “²⁵ And when they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, ‘Rabbi, when did You get here?’”

This scripture just flooded my soul,

Isaiah 55:8-9 (KJV) – “⁸ ‘For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,’ declares the LORD. ⁹ ‘As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.’”

Ways-(Hebrew)-*derek*- road, distance, journey, manner, a course of life or mode of action.

Words to the People - Heart's Motives Revealed

Verses 26-27

John 6:26-27 (NASB) – “²⁶ Jesus answered them and said, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate some of the loaves and were filled. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that lasts for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal.’”

Understanding: Yes, Jesus is exposing the wrong motives, but He is more so trying to show them that their diligent searching of him should not be wasted on the temporal, but that those who truly desire to find Him must accomplish a diligent search regardless of what He has to offer.

“Work Not for Meat That Perishes”

Question: What is “Meat that Perishes”?

Answer: The things of this world that are only temporal.



- Wealth
- Power/Position
- Pleasure
- Comfort

Key: These are the things that many would fight, kill and steal for but once obtained, do not bring pleasure but keeps you unfulfilled.

Verses 28-29

John 6:28-29 (NASB) – “²⁸ Therefore they said to Him, ‘What are we to do, so that we may accomplish the works of God?’ ²⁹ Jesus answered and said to them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent.’”

Note: We must put in work to build our faith so that we prove by our work’s what we truly believe.

Verse 30

John 6:30 (NASB) – “³⁰ So they said to Him, ‘What then are **You doing** as a sign, so that we may see, and believe You? What work are You performing?’”

Note: In one breath they are displaying the willingness to do their part in doing the work, but then they switch back to the carnal nature by asking the Lord, “What are You doing as a sign”.

- Jesus is in Capernaum, the place where so many miracles were performed.
- Capernaum was the base for Jesus' Galilean ministry.
- Jesus taught in homes and synagogues, performed many healings, and cast out demons.
- How could they ask for more signs to believe?
- Were not these very people but just a few days earlier miraculously fed by Him?

Love this Quote: “None so blind as they that will not see; for they may be so blind as to question whether it be day or not, when the sun shines in their faces.”

Verse 31

John 6:31 (NASB) – “³¹ Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘HE GAVE THEM BREAD OUT OF HEAVEN TO EAT.’”

Note: Now they want to boast about Moses feeding them in the desert; they left out the part about murmuring and complaining about the manna and wanting meat!

Father’s Response In The Wilderness:

Numbers 11:18-20 (AMP) – “¹⁸ Say to the people, ‘Consecrate (separate as holy) yourselves for tomorrow, and you shall eat meat; for you have wept [in self-pity] in the ears of the LORD, saying, “Who will give us meat to eat? For we were well-off in Egypt.” Therefore the LORD will give you meat, and you shall eat. ¹⁹ You shall eat, not one day, nor two days, nor five days, nor ten days, nor twenty days, ²⁰ but a whole month—until it comes out of your nostrils and is disgusting to you—because you

have rejected *and* despised the LORD who is among you, and have wept [in self-pity] before Him, saying, “Why did we come out of Egypt?””



Verses 32-34

John 6:32-34 (NASB) – “³² Jesus then said to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is **that which comes down out of heaven** and gives life to the world.’ ³⁴ Then they said to Him, ‘Lord, always give us this bread.’”

Key: NEVER forget that Yeshua/Jesus is our Provider! Stay thankful!

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