

THE ALL-SUFFICIENT SAVIOUR
X walking on the water

Intro. All records make this follow the feeding of 5000.
Several pictures of X in it working on behalf of His people.

I. The All-Sufficient Savior PROTECTING, Jn 6:15; Mt 24:22, Mk 6:45.

Effect of the miracle was to stir the crowd to want to make X king (Jn). Perhaps disciples would have been caught in the mob pressure. But Jesus knew what was in the hearts and knew the weakness of the disciples so He sent them away. It would have endangered their spirituality

A. The Cause of the Danger--the crowd.

B. The Character of the Danger--cannality in not understanding properly the plan of X.

C. The Cure of Danger--X protecting. In this case He sent them to the other side, constrained them. Didn't even keep them around to help with job of dismissing the people. How often X protects us from some unknown danger of which we are not even aware by placing us in another distress to take our attentions off this one. Afflictions are not always chastisements but preventives. They contended with the waves in order to keep from being carried off by the crowd.

D. The Comfort in Danger--X. Our lives are in the hands of one who sees the future. They are loving and orderly hands. *Jn 11:5-6*

II. The All-Sufficient Saviour PREPARING, Mt 14:23; Mk 6:46; Jn 6:15.

In the first storm (Mt 8:23; Mk 4:35; Lk 8:22) He was present. He was going away and necessary to prepare His disciples for time when He would not be visibly present with them. Doesn't mean His power would be less, but they needed strengthening of their faith. Withdrawing to the mountain is certainly picture of His ascension. Could it be that some of the persistence in Acts which the disciples displayed had its natural roots in the remembrance of this night when they contended with the waves?
X lets us be in the storm. Jn 11:5-6

III. The All-Sufficient Saviour PRAYING, Mt 14:23, Mk 6:46.

A. X's position. In mt signifying His ascension to the Father where He intercedes for us. Rom 8:34, Heb 7:25. From this position He saw the disciples. And so with us. One can feel sure "that no real harm would be suffered to come to them beneath his eye." Taylor 289. Nothing to fear when following His order for He sees all.

B. X's prayer. Jn 17--esp for us who are given by the Father to Him.

C. X's purposes. Not only to protect us but to teach us to come to Him.

Note ~~Mk 6:48~~ Mk 6:48. Would have passed by. X wants us to ask for help and then He gives in each individual circumstance. The promise is always available, but the supply comes in each case, Heb 4:16--let us come is pres and rec is aor. He wants us to express our need each time we have it. Keeps us dependent and that's so necessary. Cf above--disciples needed to learn to be dependent on absent Savior.
cf Lk 24:28.

IV. The All-Sufficient Saviour PROVIDING, Mt 14:24-34; Mk 6:47-52; Jn 6:16-21.

A. Providing His Presence. Jesus Himself came in darkest hour of the night 3 a.m. Note what a long day the disciples had had. And hard work feeding all those people and rowing all night. They were only half way across the lake--3 miles out.

1. His Person ~~gives~~ gives cheer. Expression is used only of X. Mt 9:22; 14:27; Mk 6:50; Jn 16:33; Acts 23:11.
2. His Person gives courage. Do not be afraid. How often He says that in substance to His disciples, cf Mt 1:20; 10:26, 28, 31; L7:7; 28:5, 10. The very recognition of X is relief Taylor, 292

B. Providing His Power, Mt 14:28-34.

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1. It is sustaining. Peter actually walked on waves until he began to look at circumstances then he sank. It does sustain as long as we'll let it do so. No longer waves but water Peter walked on. 17:20
21:2
 2. It is sufficient. To save (Peter in his distress) and to keep (all the disciples ~~xxxxxxx~~ and bring them to land. So His power will keep us, 1 Pet 1:5.

Conclusion: Reaction of the disciples ought to be our reaction.

- (1) Wonder Mk 6:51. Miracle of loaves didn't impress them as much as the crowd. Yet they were amazed and wondered.
- (2) Worship, Mt 14:33. Astonishment didn't express itself in theological or philosophical reasonings or debate but in worship. Not even in words. They simply fell at His feet and worshipped. What else to do in presence of all-sufficient Saviour who brings us thru all storms of life.