

Gospel of Mark

9-24-23

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- 14 Willing
- 15 Sacrificed
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Jesus Walks on Water
1890, by Ivan Aivazovsky

St. Mark (1804) by Vladimir Borovikovsky
Kazan Cathedral, Saint Petersburg, 1804

Who Calms YOUR Storms?

6:49-50 They cried out, because they
ALL saw him & were terrified.
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“Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

As I planned this lesson ... **WOW**
NO IDEA the number of fine artwork
on Jesus' walk on the water on
the stormy Sea of Galilee

You know I love the old artwork ...

I fear **THIS** generation has
no clue of the great **ART**

Fear we are in danger of
FORGETTING



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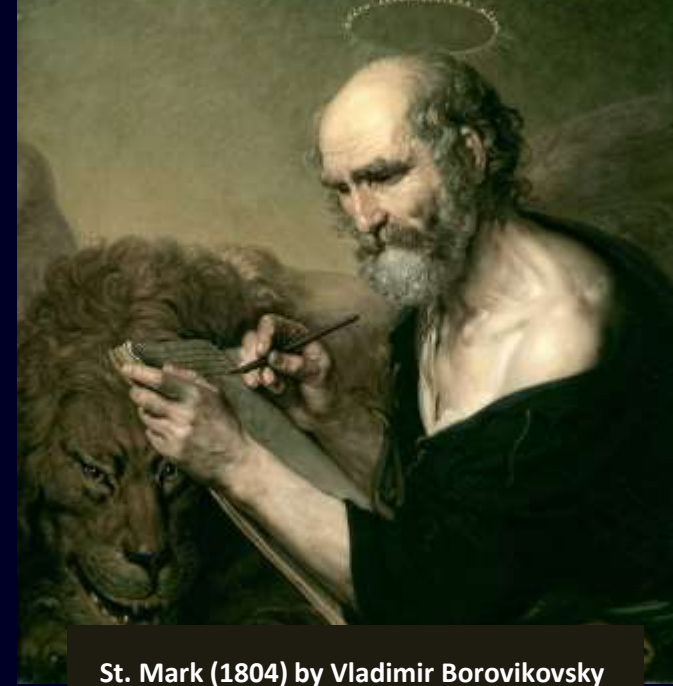
Have YOU ever been rocked by the WAVES?
Seen a Ghost?
Felt Helpless?



***Christ Walking on the Sea*, by Amédée Varint (1818-1883)**

Mark 6 – Six Episodes

- 6:1-6 Jesus **Rejected** at Nazareth
- 6:7-13 **Mission** given to the 12
- 6:14-29 Herod Antipas **KILLS** John the Baptist
- 6:30-44 Jesus **Feeds** the 5,000
- 6:45-52 Jesus **Walks** on the Water
- 6:53-56 Jesus **Heals** Sick in Gennesaret



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SIX Episodes – conveniently ending with Healing the Sick

A lot has already taken place ... Jesus is becoming People's Rock Star

Of course, ANYONE would ... who did what Jesus was doing

Then there is the Feeding of 5,000 ... and Walking on the Water

Not just fame from HEALING & Casting out Demons ...

Disciples are treated to EXTRA Miracles ...

Recall 17 Episodes last week - #15 Jesus is woken in a boat—CALMS Storm****

Mark 6 – Six Episodes

6:1-6 Jesus **Rejected** at Nazareth

1 Jesus ... went to his hometown with by his disciples.

hard to imagine how his family was handling all this

2-3 When the Sabbath came,
he began to **TEACH** in the synagogue,
and many who heard him were amazed.

- “**WHERE** did this man get these things?” they asked.
- “What’s this **WISDOM** that has been given him?
- What are these remarkable **MIRACLES** he is performing?
- Isn’t this the **CARPENTER**?
- Isn’t this Mary’s **SON** and the **BROTHER** of James, Joseph, Judas & Simon?
- Aren’t his **SISTERS** here with us?” And they took offense at him.

It’s a bit unbelievable ... sometimes those closest to you **CAN’T SEE**



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6:1-6 Jesus **Rejected** at Nazareth

- 4 Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives & in his own home.”
- 5 He **COULD NOT** [NOT ABLE] do any miracles there, except he lay his hands on a **FEW** sick people & heal....
- 6 He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Ever face the Storm of Rejection?

I have no idea what is meant by “He could not do any miracles there”!

Like you, I suspect the *simplest* interpretation the most accurate ...

Greek word is same as that of Gadarene Demoniac – not “ABLE” to bind

Same as Rev 5:3 – No one in heaven, earth “ABLE” to open the Scroll

Jesus **NOT** “ABLE” because of THEIR unbelief – **BUT HE WANTS TO!**

DO NOT BELIEVE WHAT THEY SEE – SO JESUS DOES NOT



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Ever face the Storm of Rejection?

Increasingly, the disciples are **REJECTED**
by those in charge of God's **TEMPLE**

Increasingly, Religious Elite want to

KILL JESUS

Eventually ... even the man pulled

from sinking in the depths—Peter

Even Peter, the Rock, would **REJECT**

Oh, the Storm of Rejection Hurts

Hurts Assailant & Victim

Saint Peter Attempting to Walk on Water, 1766

by François Boucher (1703-1770)

Cathédrale Saint-Louis, Versailles

6:7-13 Mission given to the 12

Then Jesus went **TEACHING** from village to village.

7 Calls the Twelve ... sends them out two by two
gave them authority over **Impure Spirits**.

8 ... instructions: "Take nothing ... except a staff—
no bread, no bag, no money in your belts.

9-10 sandals ... no extra shirt ... stay until you leave

11 Not welcome you ... shake the dust off your feet

12 They ... preached that people should repent.

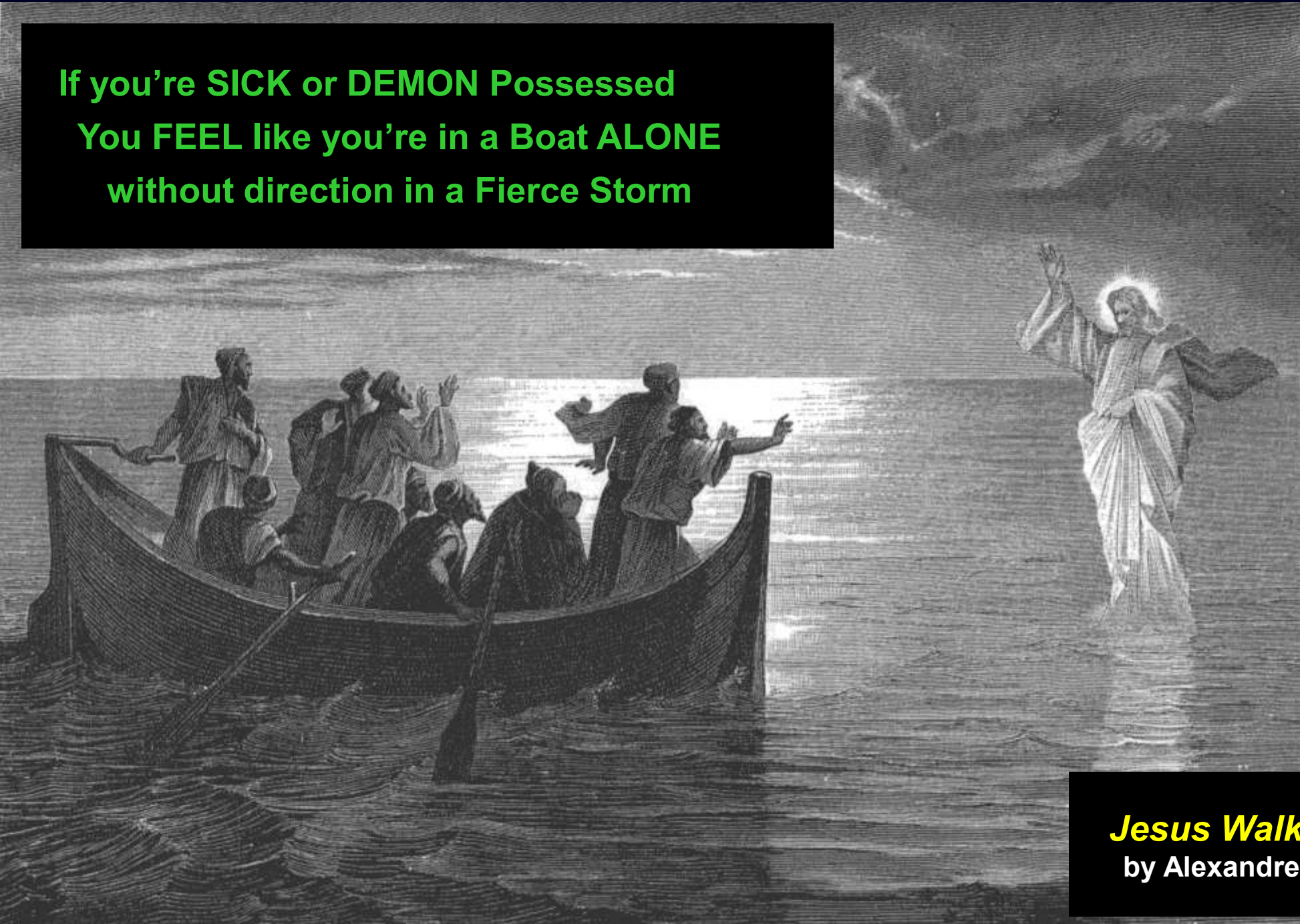
13 They drove out many **DEMONS** &
anointed many **SICK PEOPLE** with oil and healed them.

Again, we see the distinction between the Demon Possessed & the Sick
they knew **SOME** of the differences ... in the Apostolic Age

Disciples encounter Storms of Spiritual Hostility



**If you're SICK or DEMON Possessed
You FEEL like you're in a Boat ALONE
without direction in a Fierce Storm**



Jesus Walks on the Water
by Alexandre Bida (1813-1895)

6:14-29 Herod Antipas **KILLS** John the Baptist

14 King Herod heard ... Jesus had become well known....

“John the Baptist raised from the dead ...
why miraculous powers are at work in him.”

15 Others said, “He is Elijah.” ... a prophet, like ... long ago.

16 But when Herod heard this, he said,

“John, whom I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!”

17-18 *story of how Herod had John arrested for his brother's wife*

19-20 Herodias ... wanted to kill John....

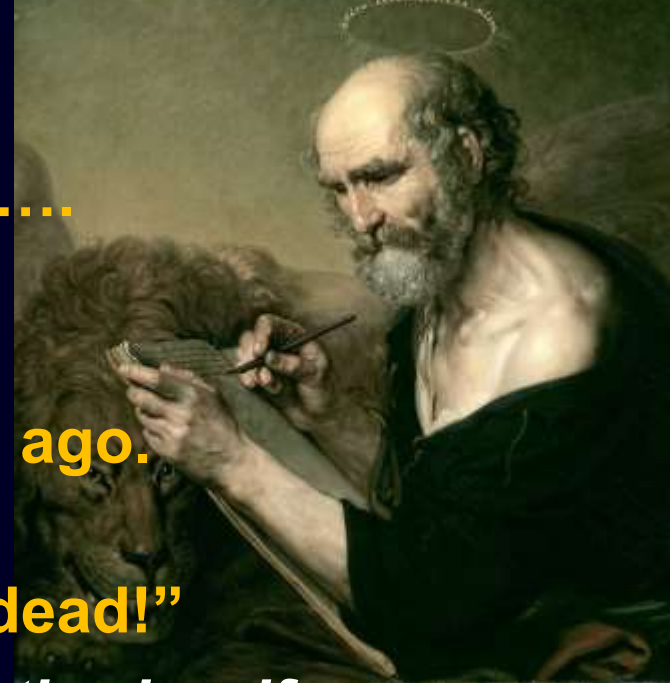
20 Herod feared John ... knowing him to be a righteous & holy man....

Hardly a clearer picture in the Bible of the POWER of Politics

Playing itself in Washington D.C. for the last century

Herod KNOWS John is innocent ... even RIGHTEOUS

Political Peer Pressure Pounds Out Moral Impotency





Oh, Political Pandering for Profits
Pits one's Pitiful Puny Pension into
Pondering Poorer Purges of PAIN

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- 21 Finally ... Herod's Birthday ... *everyone's* there
- 22 Herodias' daughter dances ... pleased Herod & ALL
King said to the girl, "Ask me for **ANYTHING** you want..."
- 23 ... oath, "Whatever ... up to half my kingdom."
- 24 She asked MOMMA ... "HEAD of John the Baptist" ...
- 25-26 Girl told King Herod ... King greatly distressed
- 27-28 **IMMEDIATELY** sent an executioner....
Who beheaded John ... brought head on a platter
presented it to the girl
she gave it to her mother
- 29 On hearing, John's disciples ...
took his body & laid it in a tomb.

Raise up a child ... to seduce ... for murder ...



Salome Dancing Before Herod
by Mary Evans Picture Library



**Oh, the Fickle Fancies that Favor the
Fashion of one's Foundering Flower
Fully Fascinates Fumbling Fools**

**There is Storm that Rattles our Senses
Shakes the Boat of our Security
Rains upon our family & friends**

Never Forsaken
by Abraham Hunter

6:30-44 Jesus **Feeds** the 5,000

30-31 Apostles report & ask him to retreat....

32-33 So they went away by themselves in a boat ...

Many people go where Jesus landed....

34 When Jesus landed ... compassion on them,
because they were like sheep without a shepherd.
So, he began **TEACHING** them many things.

35-37 Late ... disciples say send them away ... remote ...

37 **BUT** he answered, “**YOU** give them something to **EAT**.” **WHAT?**

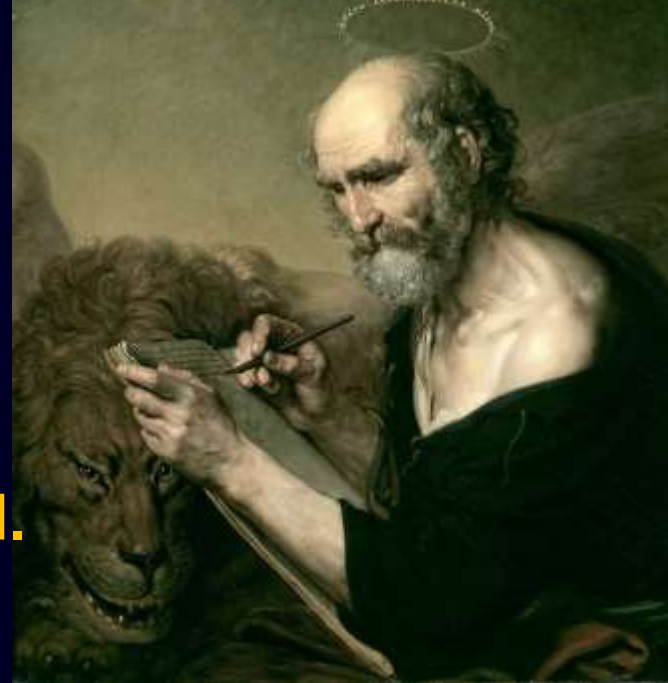
38 “How many loaves do you have?” ... “Five—and two fish.”

39-40 Jesus directs all to sit in groups of 100s & 50s

How is this possible? Did any of the Disciples have a **CLUE**?

I suspect they **SUSPECTED** ... Expected ... even Hoped looked for

Another Miracle





Betting the Crowds had no Clue

Most coming for a Healing or Two

Many coming just to see what He'd DO

Jesus WAS the Best Show in TOWN

There is Storm that Touches our Tummies

Tweaks our inner being Tight

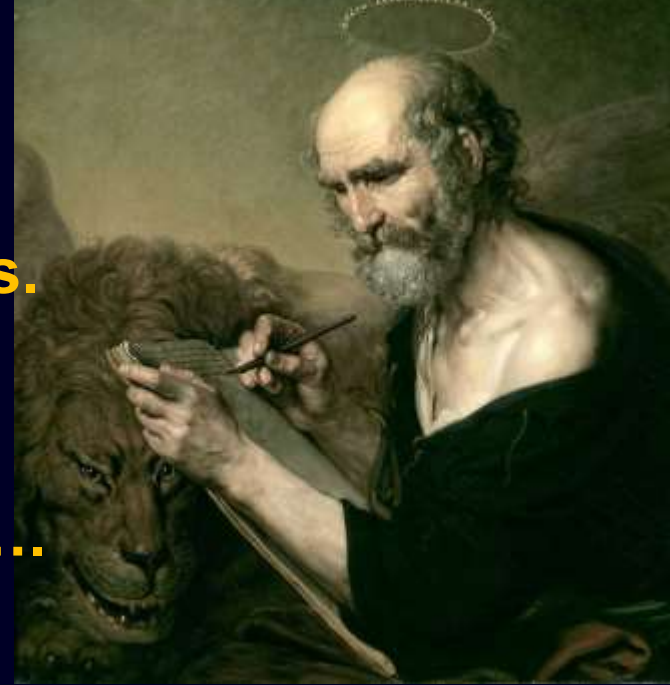
Where we Hunger for MORE than Food

Walking on the Water, 1888

by Ivan Aivazovsky (1817-1900)

6:30-44 Jesus **Feeds** the 5,000

- 41 Jesus took Five Loaves & Two Fish
looked to heaven, he gave thanks & broke the loaves.
Jesus gave to his disciples to give to the people....
- 42 They all ate and were satisfied,
- 43 disciples picked up 12 basketfuls of broken pieces....
- 44 Number of the men who had eaten was 5,000.



Unlike a lot of Jesus' miracles of creation ... this one
Seems to unfold before them ... slowly ...
You've seen the church lines ... if Jesus is **BREAKING BREAD** ...
Then the Disciples are carrying baskets to leaders of 50 & 100
This is a miracle that takes an hour or more ... **BEFORE** the
Basketfuls Are Collected

There are Storms that Confuse US to Wonder & Wander
Eating Jesus' Fish Fry had to Confront them
What was a Jesus TEACHING ...
Food for the Soul



Saved by Grace
by Abraham Hunter
contemporary artist

6:45-52 Jesus **Walks** on the Water

45 **IMMEDIATELY** Jesus sent them in boat ... to Bethsaida ...
dismissed crowd ... Jesus into mountainside to pray.

47 Later that night, boat was in the middle of the lake,
and Jesus was **ALONE** on land.

48-49 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,**

49 when they **SAW JESUS WALKING ON THE LAKE,**
they thought he was a ghost.

After all the Disciples have seen and themselves have done ...

Jesus is redefining their **ENTIRE WORLD** ... especially Peter's



There are Storms that Confuse & Confound
they ROCK our boat ... cause us to FOUNDER
What was a Jesus **TEACHING** ...
He **WAS** Master of the Storm



Master of the Tempest
by Greg Sargent
contemporary artist

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AND THE WIND DIED DOWN.
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Jesus Walks on Water, 1890
by Ivan Aivazovsky (1817-1900)

John 6:21 Then they took him into the boat, & **IMMEDIATELY**
the boat reached the shore where they were heading.

Matthew 14:22-33 – Adds how Peter walked on the water, then doubted

There are Storms that Pick us, too, *in the Dark*
Storms that separate the timid from the Daring
That seem to force us & give us our Bearing
Peter Steps Up & Out

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by Ivan Aivazovsky (1817-1900)



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Matthew 14:22-33 “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied,
“Bid me to come to you on the water.”

29 “Come,” he said. Peter got out ... walked on the water ...

30 When he saw the wind ... afraid ... began to sink ... “Lord, save me!”

31 **IMMEDIATELY** Jesus reached out his **HAND** & caught him.

“You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

32 When **THEY** climbed into the boat, **THE WIND DIED DOWN.**

33 Those in the boat worshiped him, “Truly you are the Son of God.”



There are Storms that Overwhelm US, Consume US
Storms that draw us OUT of our comfort boat
Only to be too LARGE of US ... too BIG
Save for Jesus' Hands



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6:53-56 Jesus **Heals** Sick in Gennesaret

53 ... they landed at Gennesaret....

54-55 As soon as they got out of the boat, people ...
ran throughout that whole region and

carried the sick on mats to wherever he was.

56 **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**

Oh, my dear, dear Mark ... we have such a short, short story

With so many Healings & Demon Freeings ... what, year into Jesus' **WORK**

How many? Jesus is **HEALING EVERYWHERE** – who would **BELIEVE?**





Storms of Rejection – Face Us
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Storm on The Sea of Galilee, 1695
by Ludolf Bakhuizen