

FINAL NOTES - THIS WEEK'S STUDY – 11/13-14/2023

(John 5:30-6:21) – The Fourfold Witness! Feeding the Five Thousand! Jesus Walks on the Sea!

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OPENING PRAYER

Review from last week: A Man Healed at the Pool of Bethesda; Honor the Father and the Son; Life and Judgment are Through the Son!

THIS WEEK'S STUDY: The Fourfold Witness! Chapter 5:31-47; Feeding the Five Thousand! – Chapter 6:1-14; Jesus Walks on the Sea! – vs. 15-21!

Witnesses to Jesus

Joh 5:30 *I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.*

- (Joh 5:19) *Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself; but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. (Joh 5:23) that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.*
- **He ties himself together with the Father.** His works is what He sees the Father doing. His judgment is what He sees is *the will of the Father*. They are so integrated and so intricately tied together that they work as one. Jesus is saying to the Jews, what you are seeing is not just Me! Everything you see Me do, is the Father! You can't separate the two! If you are going to reject Me, you have to reject the Father!
- **Jesus addresses these leaders further by calling other witnesses to testify to His claim to be Messiah and the Son of God.** Your rejection is no problem. I will bring forth four other witnesses, concerning Myself. They should all be witnesses that you would accept.

Joh 5:31 *"If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true.*

- **That is, that would be their claim.** Under the law of Moses, under the mouth of two or three witnesses every word should be established. (Deu 17:6) *Whoever is deserving of death shall be put to death on the testimony of two or three witnesses; he shall not be put to death on the testimony of one witness.* They would not really recognize a person witnessing for himself unless there were others who would corroborate with His witness. Here He is witnessing His relationship with the Father, but they're not accepting it.

Joh 5:32 *There is another who bears witness of Me, and I know that the witness which He witnesses of Me is true.*

- **There is another - God the Father, who, by His Spirit in your prophets, described My person, office, and miracles.** You read these scriptures, and you cannot help seeing that they testify of Me: - no person ever did answer the description given there, but Myself; and I answer to that description in the fullest sense of the word. (Joh 5:37) *And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form.*

Joh 5:33 *You have sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth.*

- **You have sent to John – (Joh 1:19)** *Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"*
- **John the Baptist, and what did John witness? This is the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.** He must increase, I must decrease. We had that back in chapter three.

- **John said, “I’m not the Messiah. I’m not the other Prophet.”** But I am, (*Isa 40:3*) *The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God.* So John bore a true witness concerning Jesus. This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Joh 5:34 *Yet I do not receive testimony from man, but I say these things that you may be saved.*

- **In this account, Jesus’ desire was not to save His own life, but the souls of others.** He produced John the Baptist’s testimony because, being from man, it was to be hoped that they would give it heed.

Joh 5:35 *He was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing for a time to rejoice in his light.*

- **He was a burning and shining light.** He was not the Light of the world, but *he was a burning and shining lamp*, to give a clear and steady light till the sun should arise. It is supposed that John had been cast into prison about four months before this time. As his light no longer continued to shine, our Lord says “*he was.*” **For a time** - The time between his beginning to preach and his being cast into prison.
- **To rejoice in his light.** To jump for joy, as we would express it. They were exceedingly rejoiced to hear that the Messiah was come, because they expected Him to deliver them out of the hands of the Romans; but when a spiritual deliverance, of infinitely greater moment was preached to them, they rejected both it and the light which made it manifest.

Joh 5:36 *But I have a greater witness than John's; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish—the very works that I do—bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me.*

- **Here is this lame man, thirty-eight years in this condition, who is now walking** around Jerusalem. There is a witness that the Father has sent Me. That I’m of God. The works that I do bear witness. We remember that Nicodemus in (*Joh 3:2*) *This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.”*
- **In (*Joh 14:8-11*) Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.”** [9] *Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? [10] Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. [11] Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.*
- **When Peter preached on the day of Pentecost, (*Act 2:22*)** *“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know.* So Jesus here is calling upon the witness of His works.

Joh 5:37 *And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form.*

- **You think you’ve heard from God, but you haven’t. You haven’t heard His voice.** You remember when Jesus was baptized, as He came up out of the water when the Spirit of God descended in a form of a dove and lighted upon Him, and the voice of the Father spoke from heaven saying, “This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.” The Father bore witness. He is so proud of His Son, seeing the obedience and all in baptism, He just couldn’t hold it in. He just had to say, This is, That’s My Boy! In whom I am well pleased!
- **So we have here the witness of John, the witness of the works, the witness of the Father.**

Joh 5:38 *But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe.*

- **Concerning the witness of the Father, Jesus said, Therefore, you cannot have God’s word abiding in you.** If you did, you would believe on the One whom God sent.

Joh 5:39 *You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.*

- **The final witness that He calls are the scriptures themselves.** *You search the scriptures.* They were in the scriptures. They studied the scriptures. They were diligent in their study of the scriptures. *You search the scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.*

Joh 5:40 *But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.*

- **Jesus is saying that the scriptures are testifying of Him.** He opened the understanding of the disciples to the scriptures as He showed them from Moses through the prophets and in the psalms all of the things that were spoken concerning Him. There were over three hundred prophecies of the Messiah, conditions that the Messiah must fulfill in order to be a claimant as the Messiah. All three hundred prophecies were fulfilled by Jesus! No man could do that by accident. It is impossible to look at one man fulfilling just sixteen prophecies by chance. But when you get over three hundred, you've only compounded the chance factor by so many that it just, our brains can't conceive of it. We can't even conceive of sixteen prophecies being fulfilled, much less three hundred. They tell me that's so and I accept that, but I surely can't grasp it.
- ***But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life. (Joh 14:6) Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. But if you don't come to Him you can't have life.***

Joh 5:41 *I do not receive honor from men.*

- **If Jesus agreed to be the kind of Messiah the Jews wanted, providing miracles and food** along with political and military power, He would receive honor from them. But He sought only to please God

Joh 5:42 *But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you.*

- **That's a strong indictment!** I know what's in your heart. *You don't have the love of God in you.*

Joh 5:43 *I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive.*

- **It is interesting that today when you talk to the Jewish rabbis,** one of their main objections concerning Jesus is right here in John chapter five, that is. His claim to be the Son of God. They will tell you that we do not believe that the Messiah will be the Son of God. He will be a man. Because of Moses' prediction in (*Deu 18:15*) *"The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear.* Moses was a man, the Prophet, the Messiah will be a man. They base it all on that passage of Moses.
- **They do not look at the passages in Psalm 2, (Psa 2:7) I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.** Or (*Isa 9:6*) *For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.* But they deny Jesus as the Messiah and their reason is His claim as being the Son of God!
- **Jesus said this here, I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive.** When the antichrist comes, he will deceive the nation of Israel and they will acclaim him as the Messiah. They have a lot of Messianic hopes right now. If you ask them, if the Messiah is a man, how will you then recognize him? They will tell you that he is going to lead us in the rebuilding of our temple. That is very interesting in the light of (*Dan 9:27*) *Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate.* The covenant, no doubt, will include the rebuilding of their temple. He will be acclaimed as their Messiah.

Joh 5:44 *How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God?*

- **God help us. We see so many people seeking honor, one from another.** These banquets where they give these introductions. You think that God Himself is going to be speaking to you for the next hour. They honor these men or honor others. *You do not seek the honor that comes from the only God.*
- **Paul said in (Gal 1:10) For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.** In (*Rom 2:29*) *but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.* It is so much more important that we receive honor from God than honor from man. Jesus said, How can you believe when you're looking just for the applause and honor to come from men? You're not concerned about the honor that comes only from God!

Joh 5:45 *Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you—Moses, in whom you trust.*

- **I don't have to accuse you. You've already violated the law.** When Jesus was talking to Nicodemus, He said, (*Joh 3:17-18*) *For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. [18] He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.* The law has condemned him. Moses has condemned him. He has violated the law of God. The law of God was intended to show man his sin and his guilt. It isn't a standard by which we were intended to live. You can't live by it.
- **It was intended to show you how far you are living below the standard so that you'll be forced to come to Jesus Christ.** (*Gal 3:24*) *Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith., to make us realize our spiritual bankruptcy. (Joh 3:18-19) "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. [19] And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.* They would not come to the light lest their evil deeds be exposed.
- **So Jesus is saying, Don't think I'm going to accuse you to the Father.** He's not up there in heaven saying, you are dead, not that one! But He is up there interceding for those who believe in Him. Father, just put that one on My account. They're mine! They're believing in Me and trusting Me, so Father, just erase it, put it on my account! I took care of that one in My death! I bore their sins!
- **As Paul said in quoting David, when the prophet said to David, Your sins are forgiven.** After David had condemned himself to death, That man shall surely be put to death. Nathan said, You're the man. But you're not going to die! David said, I have sinned! Nathan said, God's forgiven your sins (*Psa 32:2a*) *Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity.* O how happy is the man to whom God does not impute iniquity! O how happy we are!
- **God doesn't impute iniquity against our account. He imputes on our account the righteousness of Jesus Christ** by our faith and trust in Jesus and our surrendering our lives to His Lordship. I am in Christ and in Christ, there is no condemnation! (*Rom 8:1*) *There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.* That's why we should go around smiling all the time! O how happy is the man to whom God doesn't impute iniquity. What a glorious position we have in Christ! I wouldn't want to be any place else but in Christ Jesus! *Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you—Moses, in whom you trust.*

Joh 5:46 *For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me.*

- **You really don't believe Moses. If you did, you would believe Me.** Whenever Jesus was going back to the scriptures, He often quoted from Deuteronomy, in the Old Testament.

Joh 5:47 *But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"*

- **That is quite an indictment against them!** This is the first real confrontation. There are going to be more. They're going to get heavier. They're going to get more directed.
- **John deals with a lot of these confrontations between Jesus and the Jews** and how heavy the confrontation grows until finally; they see Him hanging on the cross, declaring we won't have this Man to rule over us.

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

Joh 6:1 *After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias.*

- **After these things. That is, the things of Jesus being to the feast in Jerusalem** and the healing of the lame man at the pool of Bethesda and the discussion that came up with the Jews, over the sabbath day.
- **He went over the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias. In chapter six, we have John's account of the middle part of the ministry** of Christ which begins more or less at the death of John the Baptist and will take us through to Peter's confession at Caesarea, Philippi, that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Chapter six encompasses about two years of Jesus' life. This is all that John gives us out of this two years of the middle ministry of Jesus. Other gospels give us other events. But John is selective. He is

giving just certain of the signs that Jesus did. Here in the sixth chapter, we have a couple of signs, but this is all that John tells us of this middle ministry of the life of Jesus, a two-year period of time. He picked out these two events in this particular two years.

Joh 6:2 Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased.

- **At this point the popularity of Jesus is growing.** Everywhere He goes, He is followed by a multitude of people. The other gospels tell us that the occasion of going over the sea of Tiberias was the fact that the disciples had come back that He had sent out. They gave the reports of how the Lord had worked with them. Devils were subject and so forth. Jesus said, Let's go over to the other side that we might just relax a bit. There were multitudes of people thronging Him everywhere He went. So, they went over to the other side of the sea to get a little rest and relaxation. But the people saw the direction their boat was going. They ran around the upper part of the Sea of Galilee so that by the time they landed in this deserted area near Bethsaida, there was a crowd of people waiting for them.

Joh 6:3 And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples.

- **Jesus ministered to that crowd of people** all day, until the evening.

Joh 6:4 Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near.

- **John puts in this fact that, the Passover Feast of the Jews, was close,** which means that it was a full moon.

Joh 6:5 Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?"

Joh 6:6 But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do.

- **When Jesus then lifted up His eyes, and saw a great multitude** or a great company, which had come to Him. He said to Philip, *Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?* He was saying this to test Philip, for Jesus. *Himself knew what He would do.*

Joh 6:7 Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii (about 8 months' wages) worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little."

- **It was just sort of a test of Philip's faith and confidence in Him.** Philip really didn't pass the test. He looked at it from purely a natural standpoint. He said, Lord, I don't think that we could buy enough bread. I think it would cost about eight thousand dollars to buy enough bread for all of these people.
- **Jesus was wanting to know the kind of confidence they had in Him!** If Philip would say, Well Lord, You know You can do anything. What do You want to do? But Philip just looked at it from purely a natural standpoint, even though he was standing next to Jesus!

Joh 6:8 One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him,

Joh 6:9 "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?"

- **Andrew was a little braver. He made a slight suggestion, which was great, but then he immediately dismissed it!**

Joh 6:10 Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

- **At the Passover season, you're in early spring.** The area around Bethsaida would have been covered with grass and wildflowers. It is very beautiful in the early spring up in the upper portion of the Galilee region there. The fields being covered with beautiful grass and flowers. Jesus said, *make the people sit down.*

Joh 6:11 And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted.

- *(Mat 14:19)...He took...He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples.*
- *(Mar 6:41)...when He had taken...He looked up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to His disciples.*
- *(Luk 9:16)...He took...He blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the multitude.*
- **Jesus took, blessed, gave thanks, broke and gave (distributed) to the disciples!** We notice this miracle includes creation! Also, that whatever a believer receives from Jesus, as His ministers, we are to pass it on to others, to the people!

Joh 6:12 So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost."

- **The Greek word there is literally glutton!** They were really filled to the full. They were like you are after the Thanksgiving dinner when you feel like, I can't eat another bite of pumpkin pie or I'll burst!

Joh 6:13 Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten.

Joh 6:14 Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world."

- **They saw this marvellous miracle. They began to say, "This is in truth, that Prophet."** Moses had prophesied that there shall come another prophet like unto myself, and to him you shall give heed. When Jesus did this miracle, the people were saying, "*This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world.*"

Joh 6:15 Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone.

- **They were ready to acclaim Him forcibly as the Messiah.** But they were seeking to acknowledge it on the wrong basis, which was based on the miracle of His feeding of the five thousand. The fact that their stomachs were full. He had met their physical needs. They did not understand the mission of the Messiah at His First Coming. They did not understand the spiritual aspect of His mission that He was to lay down His life. He was to give His flesh. Thus, He did not allow them, this popular movement of acclaiming Him as the Messiah on the basis of their having their physical needs met.
- **The feeding of the five thousand is the only miracle, other than His resurrection, that is mentioned in all four of the gospels.** This is a wonderful reminder from Him, that we need to be reminded of! We need reminding, don't we?
- **The other gospel writers tell us also about the feeding of the five thousand, filling in a few details that John doesn't give to us.** John just gives us the bare essentials. But the other gospels tell us that Jesus went with the disciples down to the seashore and He had them get in the boat. He commanded them to go back over to the other side. Then He dismissed the crowds. Okay, you've eaten, you're full now. Go home. He then went on up alone into the mountain to pray. *(Mat 14:23) And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. that He was there praying unto the Father.*

Jesus Walks on Water

Joh 6:16 Now when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea,

Joh 6:17 got into the boat, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was already dark, and Jesus had not come to them.

Joh 6:18 Then the sea arose because a great wind was blowing.

- **It's sort of like the Santa Ana winds that we get here.** It comes down through the canyon and up at the northern end there near Gennesaret. It really follows that canyon down and when it hits the sea of Galilee, it really whips the thing up. The Sea of Galilee is about six hundred and fifty feet below sea level. The weather is much like the weather at the Salton Sea, which is also below sea level. There you then have your high temperatures in that valley and you have the cool air of the coast. As the hot air rises, the coastal cool air comes flowing down strongly! So, it can create some pretty powerful winds and high seas on the Galilee.

This was one of those times when the wind really began to blow, here were the disciples out there trying to row against the wind.

- **Now they were seasoned seamen, many of them, having spent their lives there on the sea of Galilee.** They were familiar with the movements of the sea of Galilee. It seems that at least four of the disciples their hometown was Bethsaida. They had moved over to Capernaum but they're not that far apart. The fishing is really good there on the upper end where the Jordan river comes in, brings a lot of nutrients and things and there's a lot of fish up there on the northern end. So the disciples knew that sea quite well. The natural thing for a seaman to do when you get a storm like that and you're rowing and you're not going anywhere, you've got the heavy seas, is to turn your boat around and go with the seas. The only danger is in the turning when you get crossways of being flipped over. But they were able seamen and they knew how to do it.
- **But Jesus had commanded them to go to Capernaum.** So they're out there really struggling as they're trying to row against the seas and against the wind. We are told that they had only gone about two-and-a-half to three miles at that point. From Bethsaida to Capernaum is about six miles across the sea. So, they were out in the middle of the sea. They had only made it about halfway, after hours of rowing, their progress being halted by this wind.
- **Significantly, there is a common fallacy that we often hold thinking that if I am in the will of the Lord,** if I am obeying the commands of Jesus, my life should be a piece of cake. That I shouldn't have any problems. I shouldn't have any troubles. I should always have calm seas with the wind at my back, because after all, I'm doing the will of the Lord!
- **Consider that for a minute. Think about Jesus in doing the will of the Father there in Gethsemane.** As He was facing the cross, you remember His prayer, (*Mat 26:39*) *He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."* His submitting to the will of the Father did not bring the wind at His back and a calm sea. It brought the cross!
- **Often for us, the will of God is not an easy thing, but very difficult thing.** As we face adversities when we seek to do the will of God, so often we go against the tide, seeking to do the will of God. But Jesus saw their dilemma. As it was a full moon, you could see across the sea. It is not that wide. He could see, as He is sitting there on the mountain, that little boat out there in the middle, realizing it wasn't going anywhere with that strong wind. So, Jesus went out to help them.
- **That's the beautiful thing, I may face some adverse winds!** I may face some real trials but the Lord will come to rescue me! He'll be with me in the storms! The Lord said, (*Isa 43:2*) *When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you.* He didn't say you're not going to be facing heavy waters, deep waters. He didn't say you won't be facing the fire, but He has promised that He would be there with you, in and through it.
- **You remember the three Hebrew children there in Babylon.** He didn't spare them from the fiery furnace, which is what we would have done, have we been in control. But He allowed them to go into it, that He might be with them in it, showing that He can preserve, even in the fiery furnace, those who put their trust in Him!

Joh 6:19 So when they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near the boat; and they were afraid.

- **Notice Jesus is not always with you in the beginning of fiery trials, even though He has promised to be with us through them.** (*Mat 14:25*) Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. In verse 16, we were told the men got into the boat in the evening. Now in the fourth watch of the night, which is at least 8 hours later, Jesus comes to them!
- **So the Lord came to them but He was walking on the water.** They looked up and here, though they weren't getting anywhere against the wind, there He was! Head down into the wind, walking towards them on the water. They were frightened. They thought they were seeing a ghost!

Joh 6:20 But He said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid."

Joh 6:21 Then they _Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land where they were going.

- **I bet they were most willing to receive Him into the boat!**

- **Immediately they found themselves in Capernaum.** That was a miracle in itself! John doesn't tell us about Peter venturing out. He leaves that out. He gives us some other insights into Peter's mistakes but he's gracious to Peter on this one and doesn't mention it. Of course, he probably knew it was already recorded in the other three gospels, but what is the sense of rubbing it in?
- **Apart from Him, they could not cross over!** But turning their eyes on Jesus after hours of struggle, He got them there immediately! What a lesson for us!

SUMMARY:

The Fourfold Witness!

- We have here the witness of John, the witness of the works, the witness of the Father and the Scriptures, which testify of Me! Jesus is saying that the scriptures are testifying of Him.
- *(Joh 5:46-47) For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. [47] But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"*

Feeding the Five Thousand!

- We see the compassion of Jesus for people and His miracle power.
- **Apart from Jesus, we can do nothing!** Regardless of what God calls us to do, in our own strength, we are not up to it! **He calls us to do things that are impossible** without relying totally on Him.
- **Jesus is our greatest resource in any situation in life.** I don't always make Him my first thought, my first resource. All too often, we make Him our last resort, only after we've tried everything else!
- **I am so small! All I have are five loaves and two fishes!** Whatever is in your hand, He says, give it to Me! Put it in His hand! It is one thing in our hands, but it is quite another thing in His hands!
- **Moms, think of her stewardship in giving her son 5 loaves and 2 fish, In Jesus' hands He fed 5,000 men** plus women and children. Mom fed 10,000 people that day and she is feeding us today!

Jesus Walks on the Sea!

- **How well do you handle the storms in life,** when you're in the will of God? Do life's storms still tend to surprise me, making me doubt whether or not I am in the will of God? Do I expect only fair weather and no winds whenever I'm doing His will?
- **The disciples were right in the middle of God's will.** But notice the severe storm they encountered. Can we see that their storm was a part of Jesus' developing their faith.
- **Remember that Jesus' word is going to have the final say in our situation!** When He says, we are going to go to the other side, then we are going to go to the other side! We are going to make it! But, we have to keep our eyes on Him in the middle of all of that and not the circumstances.
- **He is the one and only place!** There is only one place I can set my eyes upon in this world and that is on Someone who is greater than every storm I will face! He is the author and the finisher of my faith!
- **Are you transfixed tonight by your storm?** Are you sinking and afraid? Are you filled with despair? We can labor for hours without Him, He works immediately! Immediately the boat was at the land where they were going.
- **Turn your eyes on Jesus!**

CLOSING SONG:

YOUR EYES ON JESUS – Michael W. Smith (1:24)

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face, And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, In the light of His Glory and Grace.

CLOSING PRAYER:

Read and study John Chapter 6

CLASSROOM LOCATION AND ZOOM – SIGN IN INFORMATION:

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