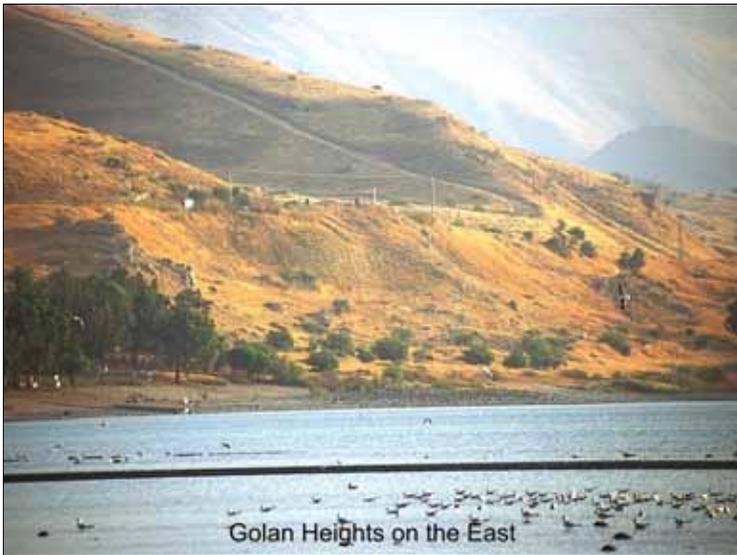


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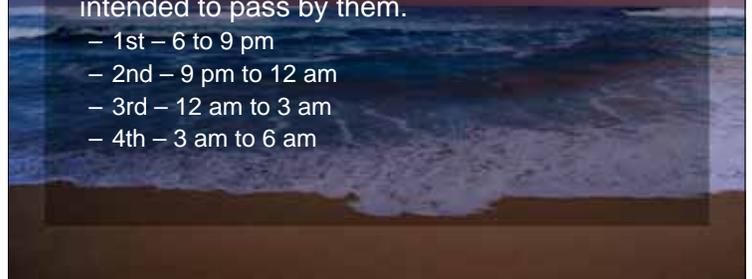
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- 48b - at about the fourth watch of the night, He came to them, walking on the sea; and He intended to pass by them.
 - 1st - 6 to 9 pm
 - 2nd - 9 pm to 12 am
 - 3rd - 12 am to 3 am
 - 4th - 3 am to 6 am



Albert Schweitzer in *The Quest for the Historical Jesus*

- 1) "Jesus was walking on a sandbar."
 - Answer: These were fishermen who knew this lake.
- 2) "Jesus was walking on the shore next to the lake or in the shallow water next to the lake."
 - Answer: Again, these men knew this lake.
 - Mark says they were in the middle of the lake when He came and got in the boat.
 - Matthew says they were many stadia away from land.

III. The Disciples Fail to Understand (51b-52).

- **51b** - and they were utterly astonished,
- **52** - for they had not gained any insight from the *incident of the loaves*, but their heart was hardened.
 - Cf. Matt. 14:33 - And those who were in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "You are certainly God's Son!"

II. The Disciples Are Terrified by the Sight (49-50a).

- **49** - But when they saw Him walking on the sea, they supposed that it was a ghost, and cried out;
- **50a** - for they all saw Him and were terrified.

Why does Mark include this story?

- **To emphasize again the true identity of Jesus Christ.**
 - Cf. Job 9:8-11 - Who alone stretches out the heavens And tramples down the waves of the sea; Who does great things, unfathomable, And wondrous works without number. 11 "Were He to pass by me, I would not see Him; Were He to move past *me*, I would not perceive Him.

III. The Ghost Is Revealed as Jesus (50b-51a).

- **50b** - But immediately He spoke with them and said to them, "Take courage; it is I, do not be afraid."
- **51a** - Then He got into the boat with them, and the wind stopped.

Three Miracles

- A) Walking on the water (48)
- B) Calming the wind (51)
- C) Transporting the boat and its passengers to land.
 - John 6:21 - So they were willing to receive Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.

The Three Primary States of Matter

- Solid – with a fixed volume and shape.
- Liquid – a fixed volume but adapts to the shape of its container.
- Gas – matter expands to fit whatever volume is available.
- Jesus is Lord of Matter!
- Jesus is Lord of Matter, Space, and Time

It All Exists for Him!

- Col. 1:16 - For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things have been created through Him and for Him.

Jesus Christ Made It All!

- Gen. 1:1 – on the first day of creation, God spoke into existence time, space, and matter.
- John 1:3 - All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.
- John 1:10 - He was in the world, and the world was made through Him.
- 1 Cor. 8:6 - there is *but* one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we *exist* for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things.
- Heb. 1:2 - in these last days has spoken to us in His Son...through whom also He made the world.
- Cf. Is. 42:5; 44:24; 45:11-12, 18

Why does Mark include this story?

- **To create faith and dependence.**
 - Matt. 14:28-31

Jesus Christ Sustains It All!

- Acts 17:28 - in Him we live and move and exist.
- 1 Cor. 8:6 - there is *but* one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we *exist* for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him.
- Col. 1:17 - in Him all things hold together.
- Heb. 1:3 - And He...upholds all things by the word of His power.