



## **SERMON NOTES**

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Scripture: John 6:16-27 (NAS)

“Jesus Preserves the Life of His Disciples”

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- 16 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.
- 17 The sea began to be stirred up because a strong wind was blowing.
- 18 Then, when they had rowed about three or four miles, they \*saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near to the boat; and they were frightened.
- 19 But He \*said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid."
- 20 So they were willing to receive Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.
- 21 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 entered with His disciples into the boat, but that His disciples had gone away alone.
- 22 There came other small boats from Tiberias near to the place where they ate the bread after the Lord had given thanks.
- 23 So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they themselves got into the small boats, and came to Capernaum seeking Jesus.
- 24 When they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, "Rabbi, when did You get here?"
- 25 Jesus answered them and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled.
- 26 "Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal."

### **I. TURBULENT STORMS**

- A. Jesus Disciples Faced One On The Sea
- B. They Soon Would Face Many More
- C. We All Have Stormy Seas To Traverse

### **II. JESUS PLACED THEM IN THE PATH OF THE STORM**

- A. He Compelled Them To Get On The Boat *Matthew 4:22*
- B. Why He Did This
  - 1. He needed to be alone in prayer
  - 2. He did not want them caught up with the mob

- 3. To test their faith
- 4. Future storms to come *John 15:18-20; 16:1*

### **III. THE DISCIPLES CAUGHT IN THE STORM**

- A. The Nature Of The Sea Of Galilee
- B. Their Response Of Fear
- C. They Were In The Middle Of The Sea

### **IV. JESUS APPEARANCE**

- A. He Came Walking On The Water
  - 1. He made the waters *John 1:3*
  - B. He Promised His Permanent Presence *Matthew 28:20; Hebrews 13:5; Isaiah 43:2*

### **V. JESUS SPOKE TO THEM IN THE MIDST OF THE STORM**

- A. The Disciples Response Was Fear
  - 1. They perceived Him to be a ghost *Mark 6:49*
  - 2. Then He said, "It is I; do not be afraid."
- B. He Gave Them Courage
- C. He Made Them Safe *John 6:39; 10:27-28*