**JESUS WALKS ON THE WATER**

**JOHN 6:15-21**

Introduction: It’s important to know that the extreme waves in the Believer’s life belong to the Lord. (Psalm 88:1-7) He initiates them and claims them according to His will and timing.

1. The desperation for a king – vs. 15
2. The crowd had already acknowledged Jesus as a prophet (vs.14) and desired to make Him king, but failed to see the necessity of His priesthood, serving as an intercessor (Heb. 7:22-26) and mediator (Tim 2:5) for us.
3. Matthew (14:23) and Mark (6:46) indicate Jesus “went up into a mountain to pray,” fulfilling this intercessory office.
4. It was dark – vs.16-17
5. The world is devoid of spiritual light. (II Peter 1:19)
6. Sometimes Christ withholds the light of His countenance even from His own. (Job 30:26)
7. But even in darkness there are treasures. (Isaiah 45:3)
8. The light will come. (Psalm 112:4)
9. Jesus was apparently absent when needed. Vs. 18-19
10. God seldom works on our clock, but rather His. (Isaiah 30:18)
11. The disciples did what they could – continued to row which was defined as toiling. (Mark 6:48)
12. The reason for fear – vs. 20
13. Failure to consider past miracles. (Mark 6:52)
14. Fortunately, God does not hold our failures of faith (“for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.” Romans 14:23) against us! (Psalm 103:10)
15. They willingly received Christ – vs. 21
16. Jesus does not force Himself upon us; He waits to be received. (John 1:11-12)
17. As soon as He entered the ship, the end of the voyage was reached for them
18. Does this not picture a sense of well-being for the Believer but also a hint of the rapture?
19. Should we be occupied with the tempest or the Master of the waves, anxious to see what He will do with the adversity.