

Date: September 6, 2026
Series: Mark: The Sovereign, Suffering Servant
Title: The Savior in The Storm
Text: Mark 6:45-56



INTRODUCTION

*“...for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.”
(Mark 6:52)*

Note: In these twelve short verses, Jesus launches His Disciples, dismisses the crowd, prays on a mountain, observes His struggling Disciples, walks on water, reveals His glory, proclaims peace, enters the boat, calms the wind, and then travels to Gennesaret, where He heals countless people.

I. THE SAVIOR IN THE STORM

Mark 6:45-46 -

1) Jesus prioritized prayer, and so must we!

(John 6:14-15 and Matthew 6:9-15)

Note: Our love for and obedience to Jesus will undoubtedly take us into various trials, difficulties, and storms, but Jesus is not ignorant or absent; He is, in fact, praying for us!

(Luke 22:31-32 and Hebrews 7:25)

Mark 6:47-50 -

2) It is the presence of Jesus (the revelation of Jesus!), not the absence of trials that increases faith, strength, encouragement, and peace.

(Exodus 3:14-15)

Note: When God “passes by” Moses and Elijah (in Exodus 33:19-23, Exodus 34:6-8, and 1 Kings 19:11-18), He does so for the purpose of revealing Himself and His glory.

(Isaiah 43:1-3a and Romans 8:31b-32)

Mark 6:51-52 -

3) The Disciples were exceedingly astonished and confused because they were failing to grasp the majesty, beauty, worth, sufficiency, and glory of Jesus. What about you?

(Mark 8:27-30 and 2 Corinthians 13:5)

Mark 6:53-56 -

4) This is a beautiful picture of people flocking to Jesus to find healing! But it should remind us that Jesus came to bring so much more than just physical healing. He came that we might have eternal life and eternal joy in Him.

“Let us go and do likewise. Let us strive to bring all around us who are in need of spiritual medicine to Jesus the great Physician that they may be healed. Souls are dying every day. Time is short. Opportunities are rapidly passing away. The night comes when no one can work. Let us spare no pains in laboring to bring men and women to the knowledge of Jesus Christ, that they may be saved. It is a comforting thought, that as many as touch Him will be made well.”
(J. C. Ryle)

*“Everyone who believes in Him will not be put to shame.”
For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all,
bestowing His riches on all who call on Him.
For ‘everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’”
(Romans 10:11-13)*

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. Why does Jesus so quickly dismiss the crowd and send His disciples away on a boat?
2. How do we know that Jesus prioritized prayer? What kinds of things did Jesus pray for/about?
3. How would you describe your prayer life? How could you build more time for prayer into your day?
4. Why were the Disciples so surprised to see Jesus? What does Jesus say to them? Why?
5. How did the people of Gennesaret respond to Jesus? What did they believe about Him?