

Galilean Districts Ministry—The Crowd Wants a King (April 32)

Matthew 14:22–23	Mark 6:45–46	John 6:14–15
<p>22 Immediately He made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of Him to the other side, while He sent the crowds away.</p> <p>23 After He had sent the crowds away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray; and when it was evening, He was there alone.</p>	<p>45 Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go ahead of <i>Him</i> to the other side to Bethsaida, while He Himself was sending the crowd away.</p> <p>46 After bidding them farewell, He left for the mountain to pray.</p>	<p>14 Therefore when the people saw the sign which He had performed, they said, “This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world.” [cf. Deut 18:15, 18]</p> <p>15 So Jesus, perceiving that they were intending to come and take Him by force to make Him king, withdrew again to the mountain by Himself alone.</p>

Galilean Districts Ministry—Jesus Walks on the Water (April 32)

Matthew 14:24–33	Mark 6:47–52	John 6:16–21
<p>24 But the boat was already a long distance from the land, battered by the waves; for the wind was contrary.</p> <p>25 And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea.</p> <p>26 When the disciples saw Him walking on the sea,</p>	<p>47 When it was evening, the boat was in the middle of the sea, and He was alone on the land.</p> <p>48 Seeing them straining at the oars, for the wind was against them, at about the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea; and He intended to pass by them.</p> <p>49 But when they saw Him walking on the sea,</p>	<p>16 Now when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea,</p> <p>17 and after getting into a boat, they <i>started to</i> cross the sea to Capernaum. It had already become dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them.</p> <p>18 The sea <i>began</i> to be stirred up because a strong wind was blowing.</p> <p>19 Then, when they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near to the boat;</p>

<p>they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.</p> <p>27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."</p> <p>28 Peter said to Him, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."</p> <p>29 And He said, "Come!" And Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water and came toward Jesus.</p> <p>30 But seeing the wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"</p> <p>31 Immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him, and said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"</p> <p>32 When they got into the boat, the wind stopped.</p> <p>33 And those who were in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "You are certainly God's Son!"</p>	<p>they supposed that it was a ghost, and cried out; 50 for they all saw Him and were terrified.</p> <p>But immediately He spoke with them and said to them, "Take courage; it is I, do not be afraid."</p> <p>51 Then He got into the boat with them, and the wind stopped;</p> <p>and they were utterly astonished, 52 for they had not gained any insight from the <i>incident of the loaves</i>, but their heart was hardened.</p>	<p>and they were frightened.</p> <p>20 But He said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid."</p> <p>21 So they were willing to receive Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.</p>
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Galilean Districts Ministry—Healings at Gennesaret (April 32)

Matthew 14:34–36	Mark 6:53–56
<p>34 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.</p> <p>35 And when the men of that place recognized Him, they sent <i>word</i> into all that surrounding district and brought to Him all who were sick;</p>	<p>53 When they had crossed over they came to land at Gennesaret, and moored to the shore.</p> <p>54 When they got out of the boat, immediately <i>the people</i> recognized Him, 55 and ran about that whole country and began to carry here and there on their pallets those who were sick,</p>

<p>36 and they implored Him that they might just touch the fringe of His cloak; and as many as touched <i>it</i> were cured.</p>	<p>to the place they heard He was. 56 Wherever He entered villages, or cities, or countryside, they were laying the sick in the market places, and imploring Him that they might just touch the fringe of His cloak; and as many as touched it were being cured.</p>
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Textual Notes

1) Concerning “to Bethsaida” in Mark 6:45.¹

- A) “The text is attested by the great majority of witnesses, but it creates the difficulty that Bethsaida was on the northeast shore of the lake, in the region where the feeding took place according to Luke 9:10, not on “the other side.” It is better to accept the Caesarean text, which omits εἰς τὸ πέραν and gives only πρὸς (εἰς) Βηθσαϊδάν: P⁴⁵ W λ q sy^s. For a defense of the primitiveness of this reading see L. Vaganay, “Mk 6:45,” *RB* 49 (1940), pp. 5–32. The longer reading of Mark appears to be a conflated variant reuniting the shorter reading supported by the Caesarean text with the different reading of Matthew 14:22. Mark evidently uses εἰς τὸ πέραν to indicate a change of location by boat where the destination of the voyage is unspecified (cf. Chs. 4:35; 5:21; 8:13 with 6:32, 53; 8:10) or quite general (Ch. 5:1). See further C. C. McCown, ‘The Problem of the Site of Bethsaida,’ *JPOS* 10 (1930): 32–58; J. O’Hara, ‘Two Bethsaidas or One?’ *Scripture* 15 (1963): 24–27.”

¹ William L. Lane, “The Gospel According to Mark,” *NICOT* (Eerdmans, 1974), p. 234 n. 111.