# CHRIST'S USE OF CRISIS IN THE DISCIPLESHIP PROCESS

## JOHN 6:16-21

1. **PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS CONCERNING JOHN'S ACCOUNT OF THE LORD'S WALK ON THE SEA OF GALILEE**
   1. Though John Has Built His Gospel On The Presentation Of Seven Signs Of Christ's Deity, He Nevertheless Gives The Briefest Account Of This Particular Miracle
   2. John's Is The Only Account That Has Reference To The Fact That At Least Two Groups Of Boats Had Come Out To Find Jesus
2. **THE MIRACLE IS A REVELATION OF THE LORD'S DESIRE TO DISCIPLE THE TWELVE THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF CRISIS**
   1. Description Of The Disciple's Situation On That Night  
      1. Outwardly The Details Are Vivid And Picturesque In Matthew And Mark
      2. Inwardly There Was Great Mental And Emotional Turmoil
   2. Description Of The Lord's Activities In Discipling These Men  
      1. Matthew & Mark Say He Had Been On Land Praying
      2. Mark Says He "Saw Them" While He Was On The Land
      3. John Echoes Some Pertinent Comments  
         1. When The Lord Approached These Men On The Water They Became Even More Terrified Than They Already Were (6:19)
         2. In Audible Words, The Lord Commanded Them To Stop Being Afraid (6:20)
         3. He More Than Delivered Them From The Physical Peril (6:21)
3. **TIMELESS TRUTHS REGARDING THE LORD'S DEALINGS WITH US AS CHILDREN**
   1. We Should Reconcile Ourselves To The Fact That God Deals With Each One Of Us Individually
   2. We Should Reconcile Ourselves To The Fact That God Disciples Us With Crisis In Order To Gain Our Confidence When He Speaks
   3. We Should Reconcile Ourselves To The Fact That God Expects Us To Give Adequate Consideration To Our Previous Experience Before The Crisis