

# **CHRIST'S USE OF CRISIS IN THE DISCIPLESHIP PROCESS**

## **JOHN 6:16-21**

### **I. PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS CONCERNING JOHN'S ACCOUNT OF THE LORD'S WALK ON THE SEA OF GALILEE**

- A. 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
- B. 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

### **II. THE MIRACLE IS A REVELATION OF THE LORD'S DESIRE TO DISCIPLE THE TWELVE THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF CRISIS**

- A. 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
- B. 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
    - a. When The Lord Approached These Men On The Water They Became Even More Terrified Than They Already Were (6:19)
    - b. In Audible Words, The Lord Commanded Them To Stop Being Afraid (6:20)
    - c. He More Than Delivered Them From The Physical Peril (6:21)

### **III. TIMELESS TRUTHS REGARDING THE LORD'S DEALINGS WITH US AS CHILDREN**

- A. We Should Reconcile Ourselves To The Fact That God Deals With Each One Of Us Individually
- B. We Should Reconcile Ourselves To The Fact That God Disciples Us With Crisis In Order To Gain Our Confidence When He Speaks
- C. We Should Reconcile Ourselves To The Fact That God Expects Us To Give Adequate Consideration To Our Previous Experience Before The Crisis