

# LORD BY THE SEA AND BY THE SHORE

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**Mark 6:45-56**

**(ESV)**

*[45] Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. [46] And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. [47] And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. [48] And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, [49] but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, [50] for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." [51] And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, [52] for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.*

*[53] When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. [54] And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him [55] and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. [56] And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.*

## INTRODUCTION

Mark is trying to help us grasp the identity of Jesus.

**Mark 1:1**—*The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.*

Mark wants us to see that Jesus is the Son of God. That he is by nature God, therefore he can accomplish even that which is impossible for men. Mark wants us to know that Jesus is Lord overall.

The Jesus who is Lord overall, also cares for all.

## JESUS' CARE FOR HIS OWN SOUL

**John 6:15**—*Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.*

Jesus was not interested in following the crowd's plans for his ministry, instead he kept his focus on the Father's plan.

**Psalms 2:6**

*"As for me, I have set my King  
on Zion, my holy hill."*

## Psalm 110:1

*The LORD says to my Lord:  
“Sit at my right hand,  
until I make your enemies your footstool.”*

Jesus prays in light of success.

**Deuteronomy 8:11–14**—[11] *“Take care lest you forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, [12] lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, [13] and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, [14] then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery...”*

## JESUS' CARE FOR HIS DISCIPLES

Jesus' care for his disciples included the strengthening of their faith and character through trials.

**Psalm 119:71**—*It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes.*

God will always give us more than we can handle, so we learn to rely on his strength alone.

Jesus always comes for the aid of those who are his.

Jesus comes for those who are his even through supernatural means.

Jesus is God and he cares for his own.

## JESUS' CARE FOR ALL WHO COME TO HIM

Anyone who comes to Jesus for help receives his help.

**John 6:37**—*All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.*

The motivation of the crowd to come to Jesus was an awareness of their need.

**Mark 2:17**—*“Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”*