



## HE CAME TO THEM, WALKING ON THE SEA, PART 1

MARK 6:45-52

*The reason behind Jesus' dismissal of the crowd, and of the disciples;*

### **JOHN 6:14-15**

<sup>14</sup> When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!" <sup>15</sup> *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.*

*The foolishness of fallen man;*

### **ISAIAH 44:15**

<sup>15</sup> Then it becomes fuel for a man. He takes a part of it and warms himself; he kindles a fire and bakes bread. Also he makes a god and worships it; he makes it an idol and falls down before it.

*Jesus consistently faced the problem of the misconception of His purpose;*

### **JOHN 18:36**

<sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world."

*The disciples demonstrated a vulnerability to this temptation;*

### **MATTHEW 20:21**

<sup>21</sup> And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom."

*Jesus in prayer in Mark's gospel;*

### **MARK 1:35**

<sup>35</sup> And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.

### **MARK 14:35-39**

<sup>35</sup> And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him...<sup>37</sup> And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour?" <sup>38</sup> Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." <sup>39</sup> And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words.

*"Making headway painfully";*

### **REVELATION 14:10**

<sup>10</sup> he also will drink the wine of God's wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be *tormented* with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.

## The first theophany of Mark

*Old Testament motif: putting water under the feet;*

### **HABAKKUK 3:15**

<sup>15</sup> You trampled the sea with your horses, the surging of mighty waters.

### **PSALM 77:19**

<sup>19</sup> *Your way was through the sea, your path through the great waters; yet your footprints were unseen.*

### **ISAIAH 43:16**

<sup>16</sup> Thus says the LORD, *who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters...*

**JOB 9:8**

<sup>8</sup> ...who alone stretched out the heavens and *trampled the waves of the sea*;

Old Testament motif: *passing by*;

**EXODUS 33:18-23**

<sup>18</sup> Moses said, "Please show me your glory." <sup>19</sup> And he said, "*I will make all my goodness pass before you* and will proclaim before you my name 'The LORD.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. <sup>20</sup> But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live." <sup>21</sup> And the LORD said, "Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, <sup>22</sup> *and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by.* <sup>23</sup> *Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen.*"

**1 KINGS 19:11-13**

<sup>11</sup> And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." *And behold, the LORD passed by*, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. <sup>12</sup> And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. <sup>13</sup> And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

**JOB 9:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> Then Job answered and said: <sup>2</sup> "Truly I know that it is so: But how can a man be in the right before God? <sup>3</sup> If one wished to contend with him, one could not answer him once in a thousand times. <sup>4</sup> He is wise in heart and mighty in strength —who has hardened himself against him, and succeeded?— <sup>5</sup> he who removes mountains, and they know it not, when he overturns them in his anger, <sup>6</sup> who shakes the earth out of its place, and its pillars tremble; <sup>7</sup> who commands the sun, and it does not rise; who seals up the stars; <sup>8</sup> who alone stretched out the heavens and trampled the waves of the sea; <sup>9</sup> who made the Bear and Orion, the Pleiades and the chambers of the south; <sup>10</sup> who does great things beyond searching out, and marvelous things beyond number. <sup>11</sup> *Behold, he passes by me, and I see him not; he moves on, but I do not perceive him.*"

Prevalent superstition on the New Testament;

**MARK 6:14**

<sup>14</sup> King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "*John the Baptist has been raised from the dead.* That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him."

**ACTS 12:15**

<sup>15</sup> They said to her, "You are out of your mind." But she kept insisting that it was so, and they kept saying, "*It is his angel!*"

The "I am" statements of John;

**JOHN 6:35**

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, "*I am the bread of life*; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

**JOHN 8:12**

<sup>12</sup> Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "*I am the light of the world.* Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

**JOHN 10:7**

<sup>7</sup> So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, *I am the door of the sheep.*"

**JOHN 10:11**

<sup>11</sup> *I am the good shepherd.* The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

**JOHN 11:25**

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "*I am the resurrection and the life.* Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live."

**JOHN 14:6**

<sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, "*I am the way, and the truth, and the life.* No one comes to the Father except through me."

**JOHN 15:1**

<sup>1</sup> "*I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.*"

**EXODUS 3:14**

<sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

*The hard-hearted disciples;*

**MARK 8:17**

<sup>17</sup> And Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why are you discussing the fact that you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive or understand? *Are your hearts hardened?*"

**Hard-heartedness: The universal spiritual condition of man which prevents a right perception of God, and consequently the resulting right response to God.**

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