

## **OBEYING THE WARNING OF JESUS**

### **I. JESUS'S INSTRUCTIONS TO THE DISCIPLES**

**Mark 6:45 And straightway he constrained his disciples to get into the ship, and to go to the other side before unto Bethsaida, while he sent away the people.**

- A. Constrain = compel or necessitate to do an action.
- B. Bethsaida was where the Jordan River flowed into the Sea of Galilee.
- C. Jesus knew after he had fed the 5,000 they would want to make him King and the provider of all their needs. The enemy would come after him or his disciples.
- D. He sent them to safety but they disobeyed and stayed in a boat all night.

### **II. EARLIER BACKGROUND OF THE STORY**

- A. Earlier, they had done great works for Jesus and he chose to go to a quiet place.
- B. But multitudes followed after him, so he had compassion on them and taught and fed them.
- C. Afterwards, Jesus went to a mountain to pray and sent the disciples on ahead.

### **III. THAT NIGHT ON THE SEA**

- A. The mountain Jesus was praying on was Mount Arbel – the largest mountain in the area. Below it is the city of Magdala.
- B. Here Jesus stopped the disciples in trouble between 3-6 am that morning

**Mark 6:48 And he saw them toiling in rowing; for the wind was contrary unto them: and about the fourth watch of the night he cometh unto them, walking upon the sea, and would have passed by them.**

- C. The Greek word for “toiling” means “tormented”. They were tormented trying to row to shore against the winds.
- D. Jesus walked on the water to save them.
- E. Afterwards he took them over to the other side of the shore for safety.