

Announcements 7/8/18

\* **MDC Church Membership Class Today** at 11 A.M. after church at the Green Fellowship House on Bixler Road- Those who are interested in becoming a member of MDC, please see a Board member or Larry

\* **Baptism Service & Potluck** on Sunday July 29th - at the Fellowship House

- Baptism 11:30, Potluck 12:00, Property tour after

\* **Ice Cream Social** on Saturday Aug. 4th - at the Fellowship House

\* Larry Quinnell is leading a **Bible Study** on the pivot points in the life of David. This week, we cover 2 Samuel 12. It will be on Wed. Evening from 6:30 to 7:45 P.M. at the Fellowship House at 1641 Bixler Road. Nursery to be provided. Please contact Larry or Pily Quinnell, or Lois Van Buskirk.

\* **Girls Morning Out** will resume on September 8th

\* Please place your **Offerings & Tear Off Cards** in the boxes in the back of the church. Also put any prayer requests on the tear-off portion of the card.

\* Go to the church website at:

**[www.marinersdiscoverychurch.com](http://www.marinersdiscoverychurch.com)**

to keep up to date on all the latest information about our church.

\* You can also sign up for our **weekly email blast** on the tear-off card.

EMAIL blast: Gift (actually receiving gifts)

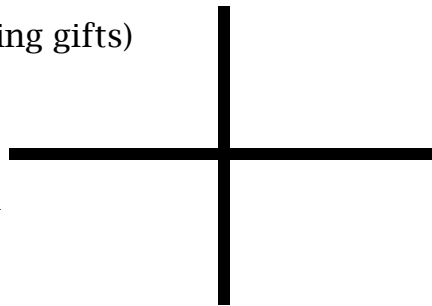
- From the devil
- From the world
- From God

2 weeks ago, we made a diagram Of the plan of salvation using hearts and bible verses:

John, the gospel, signs; an introduction. Seven signs.

Last week, 4<sup>th</sup> sign, feeding of the 5,000. What did we learn?

- Jesus is a Shepherd, God is the Provider,
- Disciples are clueless, People are sign seekers



- "Instead of" rules:

- o Problems are opportunities to serve,
- o Inadequacies are opportunities to ask God,
- o Challenges are opportunities for God to be God

**John 6:20 But He said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid."**  
John 6:14-21

Harmony of the Gospels: Mt 14:22-33, Mk 6:45-52, Jn 6:14-21  
1st Century fishing boat in Sea of Galilee

The Who Where timeline and what happens:

- Jesus, Disciples, Lad, People
- Disciples, People
- Jesus
- Disciples in a boat, Jesus not there, storm hits
- Jesus is on the water
- Jesus gets in the boat
- Jesus, disciples, boat miraculously arrive at shore.

Why who where is important:

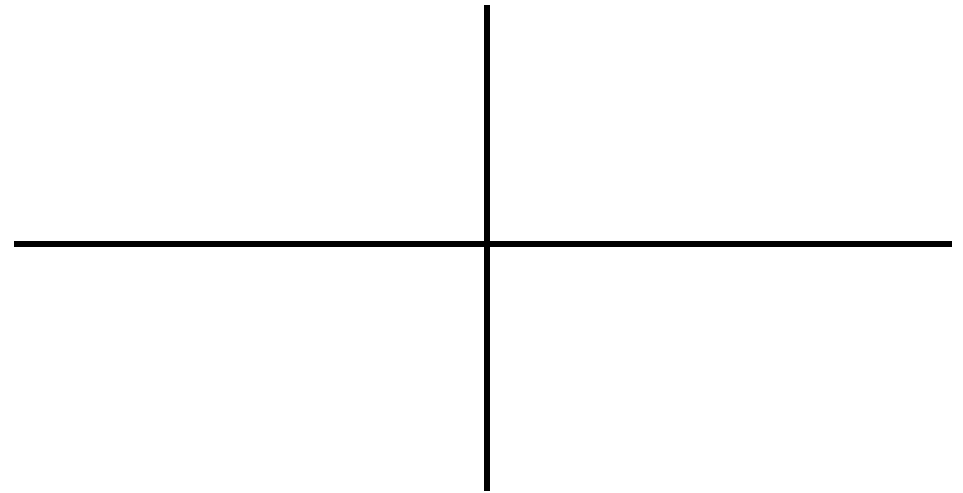
- Jesus
- Disciples
- They are in a boat in a storm
- Jesus demonstrates
- Jesus' mission

Our takeaways:

- Our fears
- Surprise, fear, joy are not abnormal
- Sometimes storms happen even when we are obedient
  - o Jesus still cares.
  - o Jesus us still with us.
  - o Jesus will keep us from permanent harm.
  - o With Jesus, we will get to where we are supposed to be.
- God is always bigger than the storm. Always.

We think we understand gifts and giving.

- Freely given.
- Freely received.
- No strings
  - But there are strings. Responsibility.
- Gifts from the devil
  - Lie to us, steal from us, cheat us. (Little deaths)
- Gifts from the world
  - Require percussive maintenance.
- Gifts from God
  - Within the gift, there are more gifts!

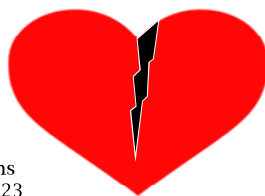


God loves me.



John  
3:16

We broke God's heart.



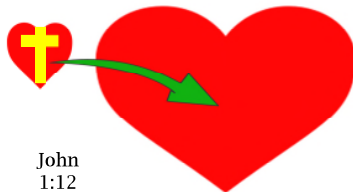
Romans  
3:23, 6:23

Christ died for me.



Romans  
5:8

I must receive Christ.



John  
1:12

Our passage for today is: John 6:14-30

- Introduction to the Gospel of John.
  - Written by John, disciple of Jesus, son of Zebedee, Beloved disciple (humble).
  - May have known of the gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. But is most intimate of the gospels.
  - May have taken some time to write, likely written towards the last quarter of the 1<sup>st</sup> century.
- Reason for writing and specifically for writing about signs:

*John 20:30,31*

*Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.*

*John 21:25*

*And there are also many other things which Jesus did, which if they were written in detail, I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the books that would be written.*

## John's telling of miracles in the gospel

- There are a total of about 35 miracles in the gospels.
- John is intentional in including the ones that he did.
- John tells 7 of the "signs."

## What are the seven signs?

- Changing water into wine at the wedding at Cana (Jn 2:1-11);
  - Servants obeyed and did what they could do.
  - Jesus did what only He can do.
- Healing the royal official's son (Jn 4:46-54);
  - Jesus heals from a distance.
  - Demonstrates faith beyond what he already knows and can see.
- Healing the paralyzed man at the pool of Bethesda in Jerusalem (Jn 5:1-15);
  - Jesus is Lord of the sabbath
  - Jesus still asks, "Do you want to get well?"
  - Following Jesus is more important than following religious rules.
- Feeding the 5,000 (Jn 6:1-15);
  - Jesus = Shepherd, God = Provider, Disciples = clueless, People are sign seekers
  - "Instead of" rules:
    - Problems = opportunity to serve, Inadequacies = opportunity to ask God, challenges = Opportunity for God to be God
- Walking on water (Jn 6:14-30);
- Healing the man born blind (Jn 9:1-7);
- Raising Lazarus from the dead (Jn 11:1-45).

Placeholder for video link:

- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RUMX\\_b\\_m3Js](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RUMX_b_m3Js)

*John 6:20*

But He said to them,  
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## John 6:14-21 (NASB) Jesus walks on the water

- 14 Therefore when the people saw the sign which He had performed, they said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world."
- 15 So Jesus, perceiving that they were intending to come and take Him by force to make Him king, withdrew again to the mountain by Himself alone.
- 16 Now when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea, 17 and after getting into a boat, they started to cross the sea to Capernaum. It had already become dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. 18 The sea began to be stirred up because a strong wind was blowing. 19 Then, when they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near to the boat; and they were frightened. 20 But He said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." 21 So they were willing to receive Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.

Mat 14:22-33

Mark 6:45-52

John 6:14-30

22 Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd.

23 After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24 but

the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

25 During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. 26 When the disciples saw him walking on the lake,

they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. 27 But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

45 Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. 46 After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray.

47 When evening came, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and he was alone on land.

48 He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. About the fourth watch of the night he went out to them,

walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them, 49 but when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought he was a ghost. They cried out, 50 because they all saw him and were terrified. Immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

14 After the people saw the miraculous sign that Jesus did, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." 15 Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

16 When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, 17 where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum.

By now it was dark, and

Jesus had not yet joined them. 18 A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. 19 When they

had rowed three or three and a half miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were terrified. 20 But he said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid."

28 "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

29 "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" 32 And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. 33 Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Mark 6:47-52

John 6:14-30

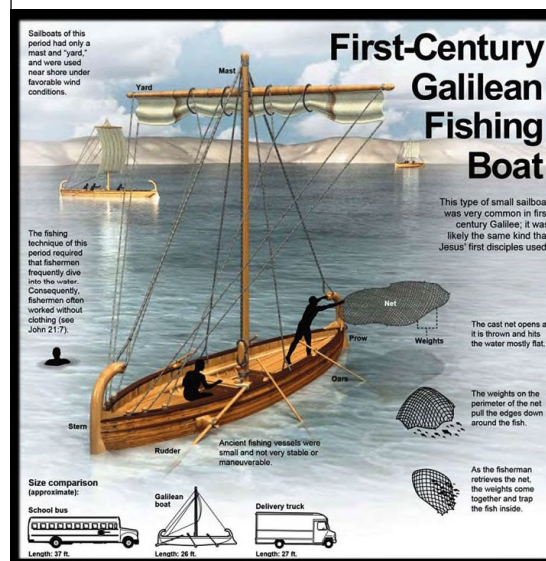
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51 Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down.

They were completely amazed, 52 for they had not understood about the loaves; their hearts were hardened.

they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading.

22 The next day the crowd that had stayed on the opposite shore of the lake realized that only one boat had been there, and that Jesus had not entered it with his disciples, but that they had gone away alone. 23 Then some boats from Tiberias landed near the place where the people had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. 24 Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus. 25 When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" 26 Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, you are looking for me, not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and had your fill."



## The “who / where” timeline

- Jesus, Disciples, Lad, People have fish and bread lunch on the grassy field.
- Disciples sent away in a boat, people sent away to the countryside.
- Jesus is alone somewhere else.
- Disciples are in the boat when the storm hits.
- Jesus is on the water with the disciples in the boat in the storm.
- Jesus gets in the boat after an invitation, with the disciples, and there is no more storm.
- Jesus and the disciples, with the boat on the shore, are met by the people. Something happened, but there are no explanations for the people.

## The reason the who / where is important for this story

- Jesus has performed his most public miracle.
- Disciples are in a quandary:
  - Jesus has done signs that demonstrate “Jesus is the Messiah!”
  - The public now responds, ready to make Jesus their king.
  - Jesus withdraws.
  - “Does not compute.”
- They are in a boat and though Jesus is elsewhere, Jesus shows He cares for them.
- Jesus is demonstrating that though He is the messiah, He will not be pressured into the mold that the people (and the disciples) have for Him.
- His mission was to seek and to save that which was lost.

## Our Takeaways:

- Our fears (nervousness, anxieties, terror) are guides / servants, but are not intended to be our masters.
- Surprise, fear, and joy are not an abnormal swirl when God is involved.
- Sometimes storms happen even when we are obedient.
  - Jesus still cares for us.
  - Jesus is still with us.
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