

# ***The Gospel of John Part 27: Receiving Jesus in the Midst of Our Storms***

## **John 6:16-21**



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Now when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea, 17 and after getting into a boat, they began to cross the sea to*

*Capernaum. It had already become dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. 18 And the sea was stirred up because a strong wind was blowing. 19 Then, when they had rowed about twenty-five or thirty stadia, 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.*

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**1) The Storms of Life Will Come Our Way.** Jesus's disciples get caught in a strong storm as they try to cross the Sea of Galilee. This story shows us that the people of God will experience great high points and great low points in life, but the storms of life will come our way. We can understand from this that first, Jesus knows about the storms before we experience them, and second, that Jesus allows the storms to come upon His followers. But for every storm in life, we can trust that they are always meant to strengthen our faith in Christ.

**2) Where There Is a Storm In Our Life, So Also Is Our Savior.** Jesus comes to His disciples in the middle of their storm. This means that where there is a storm in our life, so also is our Savior. We can learn

three truths about Jesus amidst our storms in life. First, that Jesus is coming, but in His good time. Second, that Jesus is coming, but in His good way. And third, Jesus is coming, but for His good purpose. Sometimes we get stuck in a storm in life unnecessarily because we refuse to wait, we are not looking for Jesus in our suffering, or we are unwilling to accept His terms in His offer of help in our time of need.

**3) An Early End to Our Storm Comes Once We Receive Jesus.** The disciples receive Jesus into the boat and immediately their storm ends. The difference between a boat full of fearful disciples and a boat full of men in a state of peaceful rest is that they accepted Jesus's offer of help. Had the disciples not been watching for Jesus, and had the disciples not been willing to receive Jesus, then Jesus would have kept on walking right on by. The lesson for us is that we can suffer needlessly in our storms because we miss our opportunity to be rescued by our Savior in our suffering. But, because we can know the storm is coming, and because we can know the Savior is also coming to us in our storm, then we can know there is an early end available if we simply receive Jesus in our midst right in the middle of our fear and suffering.