

# John 6:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

So when they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they see Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the ship: and they were afraid.

## Analysis

After rowing 'about five and twenty or thirty furlongs' (3-4 miles), they saw Jesus walking on the sea and approaching. Their fear is natural—a figure walking on stormy waters defies nature. This miracle demonstrates Christ's sovereignty over creation and His care for struggling disciples. He comes to us in our storms.

## Historical Context

Walking on water violates natural law, manifesting divine power (cf. Job 9:8). This miracle echoes God's power over chaotic waters in creation and exodus, identifying Jesus with Yahweh's sovereign control over nature.

## Related Passages

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. What does Christ's walking on water reveal about His identity and power?
2. How does Jesus' approach to His struggling disciples in the storm encourage us in our difficulties?

## Interlinear Text

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ἐληλακότες οὖν ὡς σταδίους εἴκοσι πέντε ἥ  
when they had rowed So about furlongs and twenty five or  
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τριάκοντα θεωροῦσιν τὸν Ἰησοῦν περιπατοῦντα ἐπὶ τῆς  
thirty they see Jesus walking on  
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θαλάσσης καὶ ἐγγὺς τοῦ πλοίου γινόμενον καὶ  
the sea and nigh unto the ship drawing and  
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ἐφοβήθησαν  
they were afraid  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**John 14:18** (Parallel theme): I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

**Psalms 93:4** (Parallel theme): The LORD on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.

**Job 9:8** (Parallel theme): Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea.

**Jonah 1:13** (Parallel theme): Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring it to the land; but they could not: for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous against them.

**Psalms 29:10** (Kingdom): The LORD sitteth upon the flood; yea, the LORD sitteth King for ever.

**Ezekiel 27:26** (Parallel theme): Thy rowers have brought thee into great waters: the east wind hath broken thee in the midst of the seas.

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