

Lesson I.

JESUS WALKING ON THE SEA

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Mark 6 : 45-56—*Memory Verses, 49, 50.

Golden Text—Straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer ; it is I ; be not afraid.—Matthew 14 : 27.



45 And straightway he constrained his disciples to get into the ship, and to go to the other side before unto Bethsa'ida, while he sent away the people.

46 And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray.

47 And when even was come, the ship was in the midst of the sea, and he alone on the land.

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.

49 But when they saw him walking upon the sea, they supposed it had been a spirit, and cried out :

50 For they all saw him, and were troubled. And immediately he talked with them, and saith unto them, Be of good cheer : it is I ; be not afraid.

51 And he went up unto them into the ship ; and the wind ceased : and they were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure, and wondered.

52 For they considered not *the miracle* of

the loaves : for their heart was hardened.

53 And when they had passed over, they came into the land of Gennes'aret, and drew to the shore.

54 And when they were come out of the ship, straightway they knew him,

55 And ran through that whole region round about, and began to carry about in beds those that were sick, where they heard he was.

56 And whithersoever he entered, into villages, or cities, or country, they laid the sick in the streets, and besought him that they might touch if it were but the border of his garment : and as many as touched him were made whole.

THE LESSON RETOLD

After seeing Jesus' wonderful miracle of feeding the great multitude with five loaves and two small fishes, the people wished to crown Him at once as their king, but Jesus did not wish for earthly glory, and, hurriedly sent the disciples away in their little boat across the sea. Then, all alone, Jesus went up into the mountain to pray to His Father in heaven, and there He remained until the darkness came down.

But, as evening drew on, a great tempest arose, and the little fishing boat was tossed here and there by howling winds and great waves. The weary disciples toiled hard at the oars, when suddenly, looking over the dark waters, they saw a strange light and

a bright figure walking towards them on the sea. At first they were frightened. Then, out of the darkness and above the noise of the wind and waves, they heard the beloved voice of their Master, "Be of good cheer", He said. "It is I ; be not afraid." And He came up to the ship and got into it, and immediately the winds and the waves grew quiet and still, and the disciples, full of awe and wonder, took up their oars again and soon they reached the land.

As soon as they had landed, the news spread through all the country that the great Healer had come, and, as He passed through the little towns and villages, all the poor sick people in them were carried by their families

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