

## Lesson X.

## JESUS WALKS ON THE SEA

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**BETWEEN THE LESSONS**—The Lesson follows upon the feeding of the five thousand (see vs. 15-21, last Lesson).

**GOLDEN TEXT**—Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.—Matthew 14 : 33.

Memorize vs. 26, 27. **THE LESSON PASSAGE**—Matthew 14 : 22-36.

22 And straightway <sup>1</sup>Jesus constrained <sup>2</sup>his disciples to <sup>3</sup>get into a ship, and to go oefore him unto the other side, <sup>4</sup>while he <sup>5</sup>sent the multitudes away.

23 And <sup>6</sup>when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into <sup>7</sup>a mountain apart to pray : and when <sup>8</sup>the evening was come, he was there alone.

24 But the <sup>9</sup>ship was now in the midst of the sea, <sup>10</sup>tossed with waves : for the wind was contrary.

25 And in the fourth watch of the night <sup>11</sup>Jesus went unto them, walking <sup>12</sup>on the sea.

26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is <sup>13</sup>a spirit ; and they cried out for fear.

27 But straightway <sup>14</sup>Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer ; it is I ; be not afraid.

28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee <sup>15</sup>on the water.

29 And he said, Come. And <sup>16</sup>when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

**Revised Version**—<sup>1</sup>he constrained ; <sup>2</sup>the ; <sup>3</sup>enter into the boat ; <sup>4</sup>till ; <sup>5</sup>should send ; <sup>6</sup>after ; <sup>7</sup>evening ; <sup>8</sup>boat ; <sup>9</sup>distressed by the waves ; <sup>10</sup>he came ; <sup>11</sup>upon ; <sup>12</sup>an apparition ; <sup>13</sup>upon the waters ; <sup>14</sup>Peter went down from the boat, and walked upon the waters to come ; <sup>15</sup>Omit boisterous ; <sup>16</sup>out ; <sup>17</sup>took hold of ; <sup>18</sup>saith ; <sup>19</sup>gone up into the boat ; <sup>20</sup>And they ; <sup>21</sup>boat worshipped ; <sup>22</sup>had crossed over ; <sup>23</sup>to the land, unto ; <sup>24</sup>knew him ; <sup>25</sup>Omit out ; <sup>26</sup>region ; <sup>27</sup>sick ; <sup>28</sup>they ; <sup>29</sup>border ; <sup>30</sup>Omit perfectly.

**Daily Readings**—(Courtesy, I.B.R.A.)—M.—Jesus walks on the sea, Matt. 14 : 22-36. T.—All night in prayer, Luke 6 : 1-12. W.—Why so fearful ? Mark 4 : 35-41. Th.—Fear not ! Isa. 41 : 8-14. F.—Quieting the storm, Ps. 107 : 21-31. S.—Deliverance, Ps. 18 : 6-16. S.—The wondering disciples, Mark 6 : 45-51.

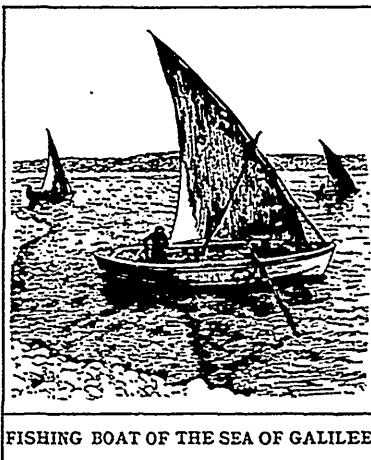
## THE LESSON EXPLAINED

## I. JESUS AT PRAYER.

—22. **Straightway** ; immediately after the feeding of the five thousand, when the multitudes wished to make Jesus a king against His will, John 6 : 15. **Constrained** (urged, almost compelled) the disciples . . . **into the boat** (Rev. Ver.) ; the one in which they had come from Capernaum. v. 13. Jesus would not let the disciples remain, lest they should be tempted to join the crowds in seeking to make Him a king. **The other side** ; not back to the western shore, but from a point to the south of the plain of Battha, on the eastern shore, where the multitudes had been fed, to Bethsaida Julias, at the north of the plain. Here they were to meet Jesus.

23. **Sent the multitudes away** ; refusing to be made such a king as they wanted. **Into a mountain** ; the hilly country back from the shore. **To pray** ; that He might receive fresh strength for His work. **Evening** ; the "second evening" of the Jews, which began at 5 p.m. ; the "first evening" (v. 15) began at 3 p.m. **Alone** ; with God.

II. JESUS WALKING ON THE SEA.—24-27. **In the midst of the sea** ; "twenty-five or thirty



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furlongs" (John 6 : 19), that is, three or four miles from the eastern shore. **Distressed by the waves** (Rev. Ver.) ; tested to the utmost by the stormy sea. **Wind was contrary** ; a head wind rushing down the Jordan valley from the north. **Fourth watch** ; from 3 to 6 a.m. The Jews at this time had adopted the Greek and Roman division of the night into four watches of three hours each, from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. **Jesus went**. He had never lost sight of the disciples, and now comes just when they needed Him. **Walking on the sea** ; of which He was the Ruler. ch. S : 26, 27. **Troubled** ; filled with dread. **A spirit** ; a ghost. **Jesus spake** ; in the voice they

knew so well. **Be of good cheer**. Compare ch. 9 : 2, 22 ; John 16 : 33. **It is I** ; and no mere spirit. **Be not afraid**. There is no cause for terror with Jesus near.

28, 29. **Peter** ; "ever ardent and ever leaping before his fellows". **If it be thou**. There was some lingering doubt in Peter's mind. **Bid me come . . . on the water**. He always gives the strength to obey. **Down from the boat** (Rev. Ver.) ; and out upon the swelling waves. **Walked**