



# Knowing Christ

Fear Not

## Averting a Revolution

- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 6:15** Jesus therefore perceiving that they were intending to come and take Him by force, to make Him king, withdrew again to the mountain by Himself alone.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 2:24** But Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them, for He knew all men, <sup>25</sup> and because He did not need anyone to bear witness concerning man for He Himself knew what was in man.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Hebrews 4:13** And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.

## Sent Ahead

- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 6:16** Now when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup> and after getting into a boat, they started to cross the sea to Capernaum...
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Matthew 14:22** And immediately He made the disciples get into the boat, and go ahead of Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.





## Sent into the Storm

- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 6:17** and after getting into a boat, they started to cross the sea to Capernaum. And it had already become dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup> And the sea began to be stirred up because a strong wind was blowing.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 6:6** ... He Himself knew what He was intending to do.









## Delivered through the Storm

- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 6:19** When therefore they had rowed about three or four miles, they beheld Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near to the boat; and they were frightened. <sup>20</sup> But He said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup> They were willing therefore to receive Him into the boat; and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 Corinthians 10:13** No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it.

## The Crowd Came Back

- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 6:22** The next day the multitude that stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other small boat there, except one, and that Jesus had not entered with His disciples into the boat, but *that* His disciples had gone away alone...<sup>24</sup> When the multitude therefore saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they themselves got into the small boats, and came to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. <sup>25</sup> And when they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, "Rabbi, when did You get here?"

# Applications

## Parallels to Moses

1. Both led multitudes through the wilderness
  2. Both went up mountains
  3. Both miraculously fed multitudes bread
  4. Both led multitudes across a sea
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Deuteronomy 18:15** "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your countrymen, you shall listen to him.
  - <sup>NAS</sup> **John 6:14** When therefore the people saw the sign which He had performed, they said, "This is of a truth the Prophet who is to come into the world."

## The Great I Am

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  - V.20, lit. "I Am, Fear Not!"
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Isaiah 41:1** "Coastlands, listen to Me in silence, And let the peoples gain new strength; Let them come forward, then let them speak; Let us come together for judgment... <sup>3</sup> "He pursues them, passing on in safety, By a way he had not been traversing with his feet. <sup>4</sup> "Who has performed and accomplished it, Calling forth the generations from the beginning? "I, the LORD, am the first, and with the last. I am He."
  - cp Rev 1:17, 22:13, Jesus is the first and last

## I Am, Fear Not

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Isaiah 41:4** "Who has performed and accomplished it, Calling forth the generations from the beginning? 'I, the LORD, am the first, and with the last. I am He...'<sup>9</sup> You whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, And called from its remotest parts, And said to you, 'You are My servant, I have chosen you and not rejected you. '<sup>10</sup> 'Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'...'<sup>13</sup> "For I am the LORD your God, who upholds your right hand, Who says to you, 'Do not fear, I will help you.' '<sup>14</sup> "Do not fear, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel; I will help you," declares the LORD, "and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.

➤ **John 6:20** *But He said to them, "I Am; Fear not!"*

# Conclusions



## Wait for the Lord

- Lit **Isaiah 30:18** And therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he waits exalted to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.

## Let God Be God

- **NIV Psalm 46:1** God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. <sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, <sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging... <sup>7</sup> The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress...<sup>10</sup> "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

## Fear Not, He is Faithful

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## Fear Not, He is With Us

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Romans 5:2** ...we exult in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; <sup>4</sup> and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; <sup>5</sup> and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.
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