

## NEW CREATION SUFFICIENCY (Test after Triumph)

John 6:15-25; Mark 6:45-52

In Every Miracle There Is a Message – and the Message Is Greater than the Miracle

- Jesus does not intend to be “King” of anything that is passing away – Jo 6:15; I Jo 2:17  
...no one makes Jesus “King/Lord”... He already is! – Acts 2:36

The Message in the Miracle:

- God’s “messages” mostly came in the path of obedience – Mk 6:45  
...the disciples were trusting Christ when the storm came – Jo 6:18  
...God’s will for them was the storm – Ps 119:91; Ro 11:36  
(The contrary winds were not contrary to Jesus’ purposes... they were serving them! – Mk 4:41)  
...trial under pressure – Jo 6:19; Mk 6:48; Lk 16:28; Jo 16:33
- Jesus intends to pass the self-sufficient by – Mk 6:48  
...human sufficiency will never take us where God intends us to go – Zech 4:6  
(Jesus Christ is the strength/sufficiency of His own Kingdom! – Eph 6:10)
- His voice comes out of the storm – Jo 6:20; Mk 6:50  
...“Take courage”: the storm is not against “just me”, but against “Christ in Me” – Jo 16:33; Ga 2:20; Col 1:27  
...“It is I”: “I AM” is the subject/center, not me, not the storm – Jo 14:6  
...“Do not fear”: our fear is an “escort” into His love – Ps 56:3; I Jo 4:18  
(The beginnings of “not I, but Christ” often start in the storms of life – Ps 57:2; I Thess 5:24)
- The storms are meant to serve the purposes of the Lord of the Storms – Ps 119:91; Is 45:3,7; Rev 21:5  
...He finishes what He starts; He brings us to where He intends us to go – Phil 1:6; Ro 8:28-29  
...So we may learn our sufficiency for every storm is always in Christ – I Cor 3:5  
(He may calm the storm, He may calm us – it is the SAME MIRACLE WORKER either way! – Matt 14:33)