

## **The Sovereign and Merciful Messiah**

**Text:** Mark 6:45-56

**Context** - After an exhausting season of ministry and a day of teaching and feeding the 5000, Jesus sends his disciples across the Sea of Galilee and goes to a mountain to pray.

**Main Idea** - Jesus is God in the flesh, and He exudes patience and compassion.

### **Whatever you go through...**

#### **1. \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus is interceding (vs. 45-46)**

- A. Jesus goes to the mountain to pray. Whenever the Bible gives us a view of the prayers of Jesus (Matthew 11:25; John 17; John 11:41) he is often interceding for people.
- B. Romans 8:34 (ESV) Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. (See also Hebrews 7:25 and 1 John 2:1)

#### **2. \_\_\_\_\_ His watchful gaze (vs. 47-48a)**

- A. From his view on the mountain, Jesus looks out and sees the disciples in agony rowing against the waves.
- B. Jesus always sees you and can see into your heart. All of our thoughts and intentions are laid bare before Him. (Psalm 139:1-2; 1 John 3:20)

#### **3. \_\_\_\_\_ who Jesus is (vs. 48b-56)**

- A. Many scholars believe that Mark's use of Jesus "wanting to pass by them" is a new testament mirror of Yahweh in the Old Testament "passing" by Moses on Mount Sinai (Exod. 33:17-23) and Elijah on Mount Horeb (1 Kings 19:9-14)
- B. The greek words of Christ when he appears to the disciples ("I am" - greek "ego eimi") clearly conjure up the title for Yahweh in the Old Testament. The straight greek translation of Jesus' words are, "Have courage, I AM, do not be afraid." (See Exodus 3:14)