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Water Walker

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⁵¹ Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. They were completely amazed, ⁵² for they had not understood about the loaves; their hearts were hardened.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. ⁵⁴ As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. ⁵⁵ They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he went — into villages, towns or countryside — they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched him were healed. (Mark 6:45–56)



The False Expectations of the Crowd

Surprising Actions After A Miracle

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Mark 6:45–46

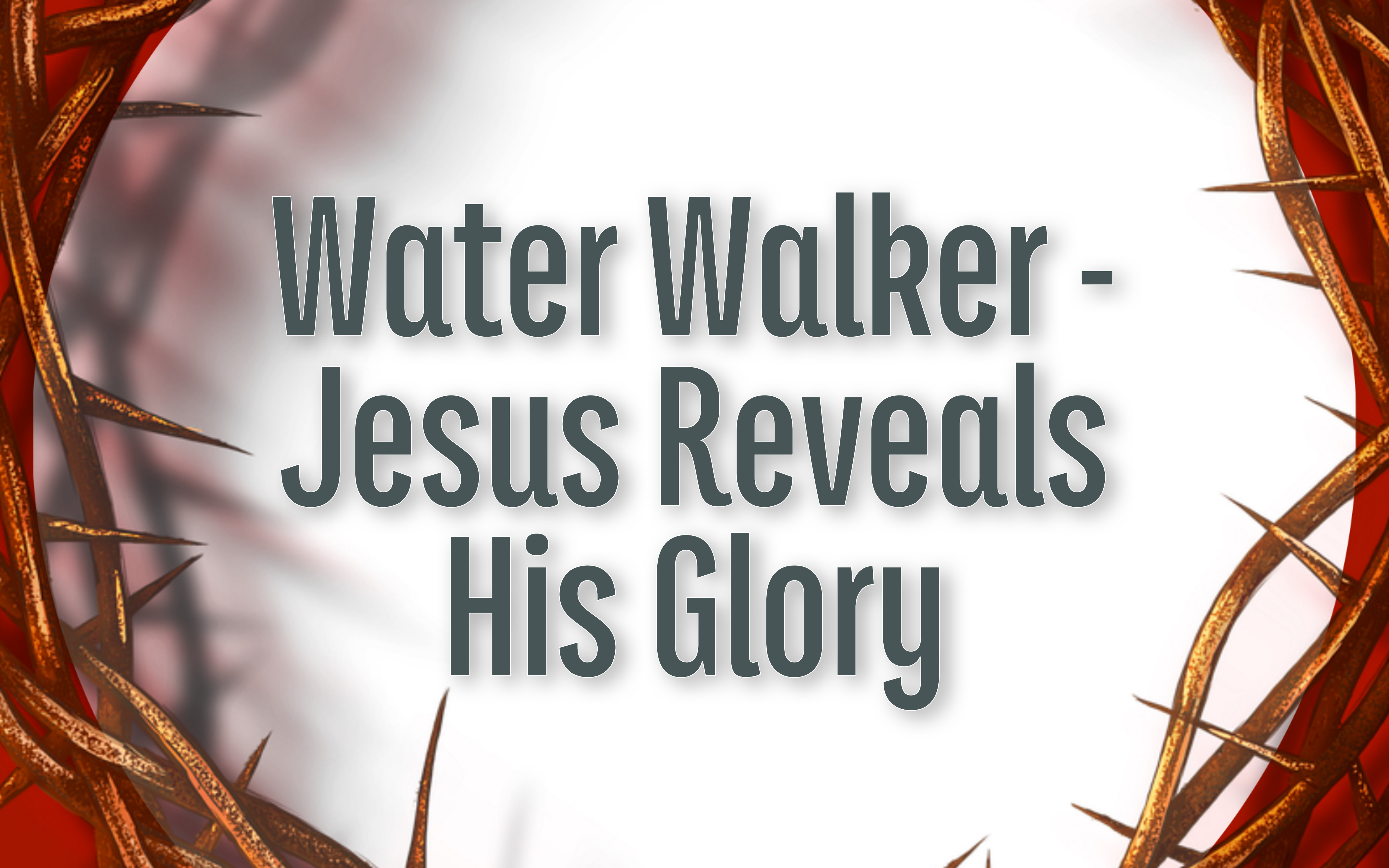


The False Expectations of the Crowd

After the people saw the miraculous sign that Jesus did, they began to say, “Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.”¹⁵ Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

John 6:14–15





**Water Walker -
Jesus Reveals
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Mark 6:48–52



God is the Water Walker

He alone stretches out the heavens and treads on the waves of the sea... 11 When he passes me, I cannot see him; when he goes by, I cannot perceive him. Job 9:8, 11

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God “Passes By” To Reveal His Glory & Identity

And the LORD said, “I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence.” Exodus 33:19

The LORD said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” 1 Kings 19:11

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God is Yahweh - The Great I AM

And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness”

Exodus 34:6

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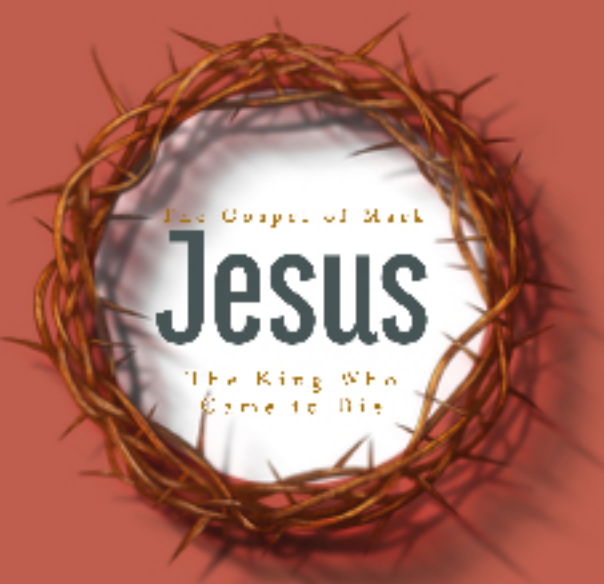
Mark 6:50



Jesus' Identity Is Confirmed

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Mark 6:51, 56



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The Gospel of Mark

Applying

The Word

The Bread and Cup of Life

