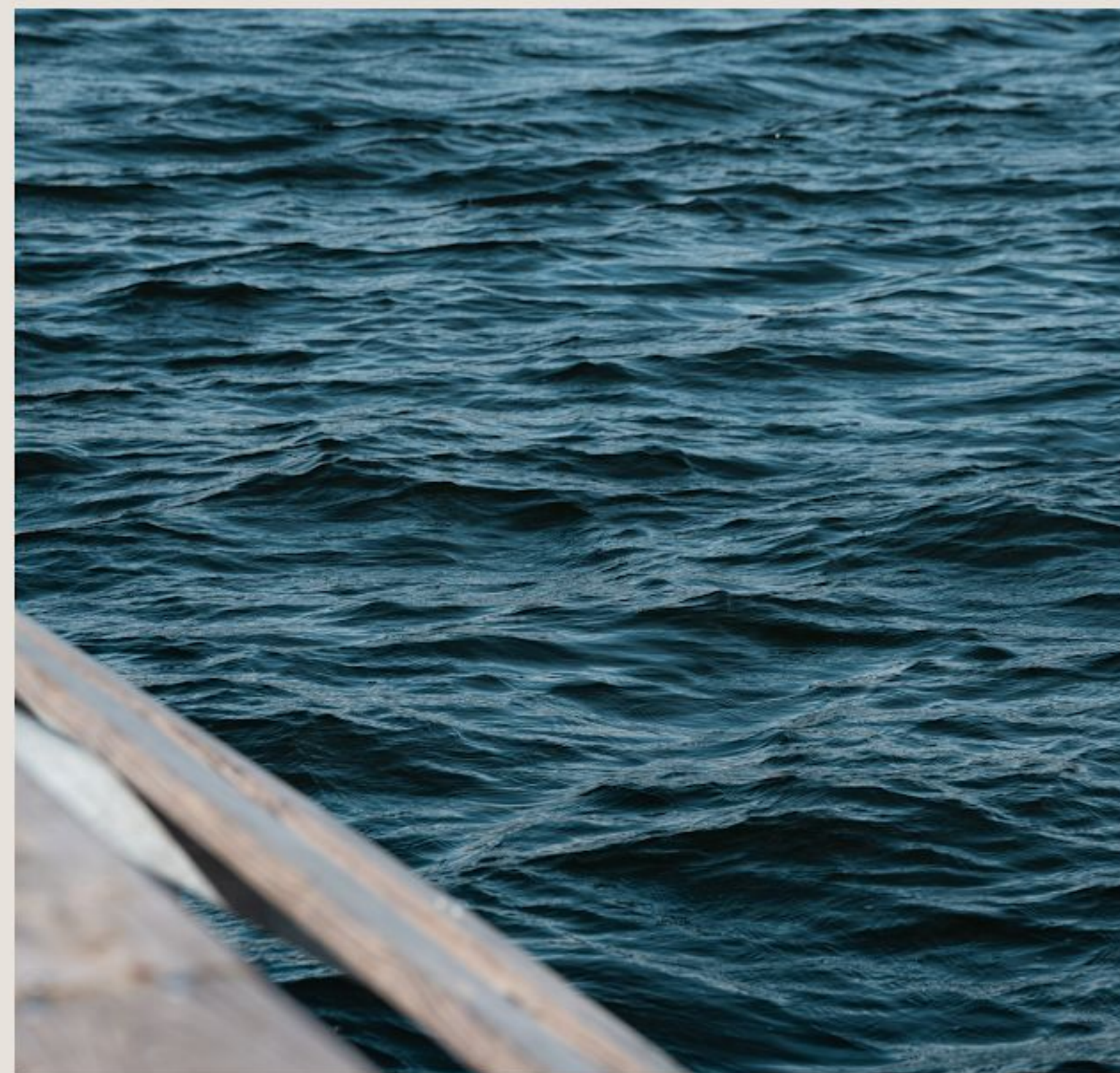


JOHN

I AM STATEMENTS

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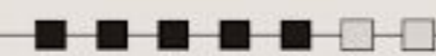
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WEEK FIVE

WALKING ON WATER

JOHN 6:15-21



MIRACLES



JOHN SERIES





The Purpose of John's Gospel

John 20:30-31 NIV

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may **believe** that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that **by believing you may have life** in his name.



Jesus Walks on Water

three different Gospels written
by three eyewitnesses

Matthew 14:22-33 | *12 verses*

Mark 6:45-52 | *8 verses*

John 6:15-21 | *7 verses*



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Feeding 5,000

- Christ's power over ***matter***
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Walking on Water

- Christ's power over ***nature***
- impact on the ***disciples***



John 6:15 NIV

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John 6:18 NIV

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*(So they're in a **boat...** in the **water...** in the **middle** of the lake... in a bad **storm...** and it's really **dark.**)*



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Context:

The *emotional* state of
the disciples

They'd had a long day of ministry.
They'd fed well **OVER 5,000** people.
They rowed all night against heavy winds.
They missed a night of sleep.
It was still dark... probably around **4:00 am**.
They felt isolated... alone.
They feared for their lives.



John 6:20 NIV

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John 10:27

my sheep **hear**...
my sheep **listen for & to**...
my sheep **know** my voice.



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**It is a discipline... a *spiritual* discipline...
a *holy* habit... that is **SO** countercultural...
and yet **SO** invaluable.**



John 6:21 NIV

Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading.



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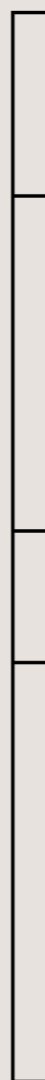
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**Never doubt in the dark...
what you learned to trust in the light.**

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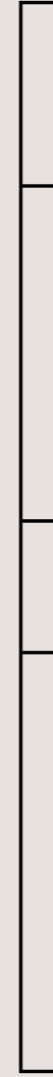
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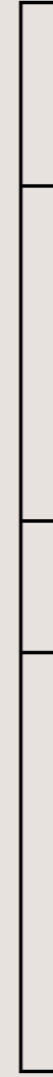


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Does everything have to “*make sense*” to me?

Can He be *trusted*?



Hebrews 12:1-2a NIV

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² **fixing our eyes on Jesus**, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.