

Mark 6:45–56 — Jesus Walks On Water

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Welcome to CrossWinds on Palm Sunday as we prepare to remember the final week of Christ's life as a church family. We have a Maundy Thursday service with our Spencer campus in 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Spencer. I encourage everyone to make the trip. This is not just a great opportunity to reflect on Christ dying for our sin, but it is also a great opportunity to visit with the rest of our CrossWinds family at the Spencer campus.

Next Sunday, we have one service. It is at 10:30 a.m. It is not here. It is across the street at the Sami Center. I look forward to seeing you there. I also encourage you to use Easter as a chance to invite friends and neighbors to church to hear the good news of the resurrection. Christmas and Easter are times in our culture when people will come to church if someone invites them. I encourage you to make use of this Easter opportunity.

The week after Easter, I will not be here. Pastor Andy will be speaking. I will be at the Spencer campus. That week is the fifth anniversary of the Spencer campus. I will celebrate their anniversary with them. We are grateful God made a church with two campuses to reach more people for Christ. Incidentally, we will have a little celebration of our own that Sunday as we also celebrate what God has done at CrossWinds by making us a church with two locations.

This morning, we continue our study in the Gospel of Mark. Turn in your Bibles to Mark 6:45. Last week, we studied the feeding of the 5,000. We learned it was really the feeding of the 20,000. Mark told us Jesus fed 5,000 men, and Matthew told us there was also women and children present. That means

there were probably 20,000 people. Jesus fed all of them, and he did it by multiplying the bread and the fish in a little boy's lunch. Last week we learned these loaves of bread were five small pita breads and two pickled fish. It was enough lunch for a third-grade boy, but it was a tiny appetizer for a full-grown man. Jesus multiplied that little bit of food to give everyone more than enough to eat. Mark says everyone ate until they were completely satisfied. The Greek word for satisfied means they were stuffed to the point they couldn't eat any more. In addition, Jesus made just enough extra food so there was enough leftover to fill 12 lunch baskets for the apostles to have the next day. The best lunch the next day is always a great dinner from the night before. That is what Jesus made.

Jesus' feeding of the 20,000 from a little boy's lunch involved more people in Galilee than any other miracle he performed in that region. Before this, Jesus healed one person at a time. He cast demons out of one person at a time. This one miracle touched 20,000 people at one time. As a result, Jesus' popularity skyrocketed.

The Gospel of John tells us the people wanted to make Jesus king. They wanted to start a revolution and overthrow Rome. They wanted Jesus to lead the revolution because he could heal them and provide free food.

Jesus had no plans to lead a revolution. He didn't come to kill. He came to die.

As we continue in the Gospel of Mark, Jesus' next miracles were closely linked to the feeding of the 5,000 we studied last week. Let's read the text we are about to study.

Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well. Mark 6:45–56 (ESV)

This morning, I will teach through the text explaining it. At the end, we will apply it to everyday life.

Jesus sent the apostles ahead.

Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. Mark 6:45 (ESV)

Why did Jesus put his apostles in the boat and send them away after the feeding of the 5,000? Why was he in such a rush that he sent them away immediately? Remember what happened when he finished feeding the 20,000. The entire crowd was cheering for Jesus. They wanted to make Jesus king. This was a very heady moment. When 20,000 people want you to be their leader, it is hard to say, "No." Some of the apostles, like Judas, were waiting for this moment. They wanted Jesus to be an early king. Jesus realized his apostles were getting caught up in applause of the crowd. He knew they were having a hard time saying no to the crowd's wishes, so before they gave in to the wishes of the

crowd, he sent them away in the boat so they would no longer be manipulated by the wishes of the crowd.

When it says, “made his disciples get into the boat” the word “made” is a very forceful word in Greek. It means to force someone to do something against his or her will. The apostles didn’t want to leave. Jesus forced them to leave. He was going to stay behind and dismiss the crowd. He planned to disperse the crowd that wanted to make him king because the applause of the crowd was too appealing for his apostles to turn down.

At this point, we run into a geographical pickle. Jesus sent the apostles off to the other side, to go before him to Bethsaida. This sounds strange. Last week, we read in the Gospel of John that Jesus left Capernaum with his disciples and headed to Bethsaida where he fed the 5,000. Why would they head to Bethsaida if they traveled to Bethsaida last week? At first glance, it reads like Jesus was on the west side of the lake, not on the east side. It reads as if Jesus is traveling in the wrong direction. How do we solve this riddle?



There is a lot of scholarly speculation on this subject. I will give you my best answer. Last week, when Jesus left Capernaum and headed to Bethsaida, he didn’t go to the city of Bethsaida. He was trying to get his apostles away from people, not go to a city with more people. This means Jesus headed just beyond Bethsaida to the wilderness



area southeast of the city where he fed the 5,000. You can see that on your map in the area I marked with an X. If you were in a desolate place beyond Bethsaida, and you were taking a boat back to Capernaum, following the shoreline, the first city you ran into would be Bethsaida. While the Gospel of Mark tells us the apostles were in the boat heading to Bethsaida, the Gospel of John gives us a bigger picture of what was happening.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. John 6:16–17 (ESV)

John says they were on their way to Capernaum but Jesus had not yet come. Mark says they were on their way to Bethsaida. Why this discrepancy? When the apostles left the location of the feeding of the 5,000 and followed the shoreline, the first major city they ran across was Bethsaida. They were to wait there for Jesus while he dismissed the crowd. They were to pick up Jesus in Bethsaida and sail with him back to Capernaum. That was the plan.



Other scholars have different solutions to this geographical pickle but that is what makes sense to me. While that was the plan, that was not the way things unfolded.

And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. Mark 6:46 (ESV)

It took Jesus a long time to disperse the crowd. After dispersing the crowd, rather than joining his apostles in Bethsaida for the boat



ride back to Capernaum, Jesus went up on a mountain to pray. As you can see on the map, the nearest mountains in this areas were to the east more than a mile or two inland from the lake. The mountains were not next to the lake on this part of the Sea of Galilee.

Why did Jesus escape to the mountain to pray? What did Jesus pray about while on the mountain? To begin, I am sure he prayed for his disciples, that they would not be caught in the euphoria of the crowds that wanted to make him king. I am also sure he prayed for himself. In the Gospel of Mark, there are three times we see Jesus praying. All of them are at night at crucial moments of his ministry. In all those times of prayer, it was Jesus wrestling with staying true to his mission to die on the cross for our sin.

The first occurrence is found in Mark 1:35. We studied that passage earlier in Mark. This was at the beginning of Jesus' ministry in Capernaum when he was immensely popular and his followers wanted him to set up shop in Capernaum and conduct his healing ministry, but Jesus escaped for a night of prayer. As a result of that time in prayer in the morning Jesus immediately told his disciples they would leave Capernaum and travel around the Sea of Galilee preaching the gospel and healing. What was the reason he gave for that decision? He told his disciples the mission of his father was that he would travel and spread the gospel, not set up shop in one place. That night in prayer reoriented him to his mission.

The second time he spent a night in prayer is what we are studying this morning in Mark 6:45. Here the temptation was to drift from his mission and

become a political leader rather than continue on his path to the cross to die for our sin. That night in prayer kept him on mission.

The third time he spent a night in prayer is in Mark 24:35-39. This was the Garden of Gethsemane when he facing the cross. He was tempted to avoid the cross. We all know some of the famous words in Jesus' prayer at that time.

"Father, if possible, let this cup pass from me, yet not my will but your will be done." Jesus was tempted to turn away from the path of dying on the cross but that night in prayer reoriented him to his mission and strengthened him for the mission of dying for our sin.

If getting away from the crowds and spending time in prayer with God the Father was essential to keeping Jesus on track, so the demands of people didn't cause him to drift, the same is true for us. We need to get away from people, slow down, and take extra time to pray and talk with God about the direction our lives are heading and ask him if he is calling us to make any course corrections. Extended times in prayer to get away from the crowds and listen to God the Father were essential to keeping Jesus on track. They are essential to keeping us on track.

The apostles face a storm at sea.

And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. Mark 6:47 (ESV)

Jesus fed the 5,000 when the day was late. That was prior to 6 p.m. In this culture, evening was considered any time between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. The apostles were waiting in Bethsaida for Jesus to finish dismissing the crowds. They were planning to meet up in Bethsaida to cross the lake in their boat.

Dismissing the crowds took a long time. Jesus had a change of plans. He knew he needed time to pray so he went to the mountains. His apostles didn't have cell phones so he had no way to text them and update them on his change of plans. Eventually, some time between 6p.m. and 9 p.m., the disciples decided to row the boat the short distance from Bethsaida to Capernaum in hopes of sleeping in their own beds. What should have been a short 4-mile row on a calm evening turned into a disaster. This was a "Gulligan's Island" moment. Do you remember the theme song? "The weather started getting rough. The tiny ship was tossed." Mark doesn't tell us about the sudden rough weather but Matthew and John tell us about the sudden and powerful night storm.

...but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. Matthew 14:24 (ESV)

When they had rowed about three or four miles... John 6:19 (ESV)

Their plan was to row along the coast, but a storm came up, and they were driven off course to the center of the lake. They rowed about 3 or 4 miles, which should have been enough to get them to Capernaum, but they were not even close. Heading into the wind and the waves, they made little progress and were blown into the center of the Sea of Galilee.

And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them... Mark 6:48 (ESV)

I have a graphic that shows you what the apostles' boat probably looked like. This boat had a sail, but in a storm, the sail wouldn't have been used. Boats like this on the Sea of Galilee had two pairs of oars. In larger boats, like the one the apostles



used, you could have two men per oar. This allowed eight men to power the boat. That is a lot of power. Even with eight men powering the boat, the wind and waves were so strong, they were barely making progress and were tossed around the sea.

How many of you have tried to row a boat into the wind? When I was a kid at summer camp, they had rowboats we could take on the lake. I remember leaving the camp in a rowboat with the wind to my back and I felt like the strongest junior high boy at camp. With the wind at my back, I made great progress. The problem was after I made it to the other side of the lake, I needed to row into the wind to make it back to camp. That was extremely painful. Progress was slow. If I stopped for a rest, I immediately began traveling backward. If I was frustrated rowing into the wind as a junior high boy in a rowboat at summer camp, I can't imagine what the apostles were facing as they were rowing into the wind during a storm.

The Greek word used to describe the painfulness associated with their progress is used in other parts of the Bible to describe torment. In Revelation 12:2 it is used to describe the pain of childbirth. You know the rowing had to be painful if the pain involved was similar to giving birth.

The apostles left early in the evening. They rowed 3 or 4 miles with all their strength. Later we will see, they were rowing for eight or nine hours straight during this storm. They were completely exhausted. The apostles felt helpless. It was all they could do to keep the boat facing into the wave so they didn't sink.

The last time they faced a storm like this, Jesus was in the boat. All they needed to do was wake him, and he calmed the storm instantly. Wouldn't it have been great to have Jesus at this point? Everyone wished Jesus knew what was happening. Everyone wished Jesus was there to come to their rescue. They thought Jesus didn't know what was happening to them, when in reality, he knew everything that was happening to them.

I love that it says Jesus saw them making painful headway. Think about this. How did Jesus see them? The Gospel of John told us they were 3-4 miles out into the Sea of Galilee, far off course. Jesus was on a mountain, which was another 1-2 miles in land. Jesus was 4- 6 miles away from them in the middle of the night. Nobody can see that distance in darkness. This means Jesus wasn't seeing them with human eyes. He was seeing them with God's eyes. They thought they were alone. They thought Jesus had no idea what was happening to them. That was not true. Even though Jesus wasn't with them, he was still watching them. Jesus had his eyes trained on them.

In a similar way, Jesus loves us and is watching over us. Even when we think he has forgotten about us and doesn't know what we are facing, that is not true. The Bible tells us God is always watching over us.

I lay down and slept, yet I woke up in safety, for the Lord was watching over me.
Psalm 3:5 (NLT)

Jesus didn't just train his eyes on his apostles to care for them in their time of trouble. He is watching over you and me in our times of trouble as well.

It says Jesus came to them walking on the water at the fourth watch of the night. What was the fourth watch? The Romans divided their nights into four

parts. Watch 1 was 6-9 p.m. Watch 2 was 9 p.m.-midnight. Watch 3 was midnight- 3 a.m. Watch 4 was 3-6 a.m. It was in the early morning hours, when they were exhausted and hopeless after eight hours of rowing in a storm, that Jesus came to their rescue. I always wonder why Jesus waited until the fourth watch. Why didn't he rescue them as soon as the storm hit? Jesus waited until the apostles were at their most desperate moment before he came to their rescue. I don't know why he waited that long, but I do know that is the way he often works in our lives today. He rescues us in our darkest hours and our weakest moments, not before.

It says, "He came to them, walking on the water." This must have been a sight. I am not sure what this looked like. Some people picture Jesus walking on the crests of the waves not even getting wet. In my personal opinion, he was wet but he was on top of the water like a surfer without a board. While I don't know what Jesus looked like when he was walking on water, I do know what the book of Job tells us about someone who walks on water. Only God can walk on the waves.

...who commands the sun, and it does not rise; who seals up the stars; who alone stretched out the heavens and trampled the waves of the sea... Job 9:7-8 (ESV)

Only God can walk on water. Jesus was doing what only God can do.

It gets interesting when it says, "He meant to pass by them." It reads like Jesus was in the express lane and he was going to pass them because they were slow traffic on the lake. While it reads that way, that wouldn't make much sense. Jesus saw them from the mountain. He was coming to rescue them. Why would he pass by them?

The key to understanding this strange phrase is to realize this is an intentional echo of Old Testament. There are times in the Old Testament when God revealed his glory. Every time he revealed his glory, it says he *passed by someone when he revealed his glory to them*. This is the same language used in Mark. Let me show you how this language is used in the Old Testament when God revealed his glory to Moses.

Moses said, "Please show me your glory." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The Lord.'" Exodus 33:18–19 (ESV)

God revealed his glory to Moses by making his glory pass by him, just like Jesus did to his apostles on the lake that storm-tossed night. The same thing happened to Elijah.

And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the Lord." And behold, the Lord passed by... 1 Kings 19:11a (ESV)

In the Old Testament, when God reveals his glory, he passes by people. Here Jesus revealed his glory to his disciples in the middle of the storm when he came to their rescue walking on water. I don't know, but it could mean Jesus was glowing, a little like he did at the transfiguration. I don't know. The implication is Jesus was not just walking on water but the glory of God was being revealed through Jesus on that dark, wet night.

...but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." Mark 6:49–50 (ESV)

The response of the apostles when they saw him walking on the lake was to think he was a ghost. The Greek word is phantom. They were in complete terror when they saw him. The Greek word for cry out means they screamed in

terror. How did they see Jesus walking on the water in complete darkness? I don't know. As I said, he may have been glowing, revealing his glory. I don't know.

I love what Jesus said to them as they screamed in terror when they saw him. He said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." Jesus said, "It is me." Interestingly the phrase, "It is me" simply means, "I am." It is a Greek translation of God's name in Hebrew, the name Yahweh, which in Hebrew simply means "I am.". In Exodus, when God passed by Moses to reveal his glory, God revealed his name after he revealed his glory, his name as the great, "I am."

The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness... Exodus 34:6 (ESV)

The words, "The Lord" in Hebrew are the word Yahweh, which means, "I am." As God passed by Moses to reveal his glory, he revealed his name as the great, "I am," in the same way Jesus passed by his apostles revealing his glory in the darkness and revealing his name as the great, "I am."

The apostles didn't need to be afraid. Jesus was watching them. Jesus came to rescue them. They didn't need to be afraid.

Folks, the same is true for us. No matter what we are facing in life, Jesus is watching us. He has his eyes trained on us. We may think he is far away and doesn't know what we are facing, but Jesus is watching us. He does care about us. He often comes to our rescue at the last minute, when we are at our wit's end and feel all hope is lost. No matter what happens, we do not need to fear.

Jesus came to the boat.

And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened. Mark 6:51–52 (ESV)

As soon as Jesus entered the boat, the wind and the waves stopped. Just as Jesus calmed a storm instantly in the past, his mere presence calmed the storm once again.

The Gospel of John tells us about another miracle that happened at this time that Mark didn't include. It was a "Star Trek" miracle. How many of you remember the transporter room from "Star Trek"? Do you remember everyone saying, "Beam me up, Scotty"? The transporter room instantly moved people from one place to another place. That is exactly what Jesus did in this moment.

Then they were glad to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going. John 6:21 (ESV)

As soon as Jesus stepped into the boat, he calmed the storm and instantly transported them from the lake to the shore, just like they were beamed from one location to another on "Star Trek." Some of you may think this is far-fetched, but this is not the only time we see a transporter room miracle in the Bible. In Acts 8, Philip was sharing the gospel with an Ethiopian eunuch. When he was done, it says the Holy Spirit whisked him away, picking him up and setting him down in Azotus, a completely different location.

What do you think was the disciple's reaction to these miracles? They were astounded. In the Greek, there are numerous modifiers in front of this verb saying they were completely, totally, utterly astounded by Jesus' miracles. While many times in the Bible the word astounded is used in a positive sense, in this

case, it was meant in the negative sense. While they were completely amazed at what Jesus did, they didn't put together the pieces together and understand what these miracles meant about Jesus' identity.

The reason they didn't understand what these miracles told them about Jesus is because their hearts were hard. They didn't understand what the feeding of the 5,000 told them about Jesus. They were amazed at the miracles but didn't put together the pieces to understand the purpose of the miracles.

Let's see how things ended.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well. Mark 6:53–56 (ESV)

Interestingly, they landed at Gennesaret. This was a village just south of Capernaum. Why did they land at

Gennesaret? Was it because they were bad navigators? No. They landed there because that is where Jesus set the boat down when he transported them from in the lake to the shore of the lake. Gennesaret was a



populated area and as soon as people recognized Jesus they began to bring the sick on their mats. Every nursing home and hospital was emptied. Every sick person wanted to be healed by Jesus.

If people could touch just the tassel of Jesus' garment, they were healed. Where did this start? It was the bleeding woman earlier in the Gospel of Mark who touched the tassel of his garment in faith that she would be made well, and she was made well. We learned from the book of Numbers, that Jewish men were to have blue tassels tangling from all four corners of their garments as a reminder that they were a people separated apart for the Lord. Jesus, as a good Jew, would have had these four long pieces of string dangling off the corners of his clothing. All people needed to do was touch was one of those strings as he walked by and they would have been instantly healed. It didn't matter how sick they were. It didn't matter how close to death they were. Touching Jesus healed everyone from everything. There was amazing power constantly flowing out of Jesus at this point. What can we learn from these miracles?

Applications

1. **Jesus is God because he does what only God can do.** The problem the disciples were having is they were amazed by Jesus' miracles but they were not putting together the pieces and understanding what the miracles revealed about the identity of Jesus. Jesus fed 20,000 people by creating food from a little boy's Lunchable. That means Jesus is the creator. He created something form nothing in the palms of his hands, just like what happened in the Genesis creation story. Only God can see people 6 miles away in complete darkness during a storm. Only God can walk on water coming to someone's rescue. Only God can instantly calm a storm. Only God can instantly transport people from one location to another. Only God can instantly and completely cure every disease no matter how sick and deformed someone has become.

The disciples were seeing all of these things. They were amazed by these things but their hearts were hard and not understanding what these miracles revealed about the identity of Jesus. They were not putting the pieces together and recognizing Jesus as God. Maybe you are in the same position this morning. Maybe you grew up in church and have questions about what makes Jesus different. Maybe you are in church for the first time today and just learning about Jesus. You wonder what makes Jesus special. How can we know Jesus is not just another religious leader like Buddha or Mohammed? What would make Jesus different from them and worth following instead of them? The answer is to put the pieces together about Jesus' miracles. Did Buddha feed 20,000 people from a little boy's lunch? Did Mohammed walk on water? Can Mohammed see people 6 miles away in the middle of the night? Did Mohammed instantly calm a storm? Did Mohammed transport people from one location to another? Was everyone who touched the fringe of Buddha's garments instantly and completely healed no matter what the disease? Of course not! These miracles put Jesus in a completely different category than any other religious leader because only Jesus did what God can do. Remember that none of what the Bible records about Jesus is fantasy. What the Bible tells us about Jesus is all verifiable history. All the Gospels document what happened from the eyewitnesses or by those closely associated to the eyewitnesses of Jesus. All the gospels were written when the people who experienced these miracles were alive. If the gospels were not true, they would have been laughed out of town. Instead, they became the

most widely circulated documents in the ancient world. My friends, I beg you to not be like the apostles and harden your hearts. Don't just be amazed by the miracles but put together the pieces and understand the identity of Jesus from the miracles. Jesus is not like the founder of any other religion. Only Jesus did what God can do. Put the pieces together about the identity of Jesus and trust him with your life. Next week we will celebrate Jesus' greatest miracle, rising from the dead. No other religious leader has done that. This is why we know Jesus is worth following with our lives. He is completely different from every other religious leader.

2. **Jesus loves us.** Jesus' miracles not only scream out the power of God but they tell us how much Jesus loves us. Last week, when Jesus was faced with a crowd of 20,000 hungry people, he had compassion on them and provided food for them. This week, Jesus kept a watchful eye on his apostles when they were in the storm, and he cared about them enough to come to their rescue at their weakest moment. Jesus healed everyone who touched him, freeing them from disease and impending death. Jesus is not just God, but Jesus loves and cares for you and me. Put these pieces together. All of these miracles tell us that Jesus loves us. Jesus cares for us. Jesus has come to rescue us at our weakest and most vulnerable moments. Next week, we are celebrating the empty tomb. We are celebrating that Jesus loves us so much that he came to to soak into himself all of our sins like a sponge, then to die one of the most horrific deaths created by man and at the same time to suffer all of God's wrath for our sin. He loves us so much he died in our places for

our sin. Next Sunday, we will celebrate that he didn't just die for our sin but he burst from the grave to new life, offering us new life as well if we will simply place our faith and trust in him to be our savior. This means that in our moment of greatest weakness, when we face death, Jesus will riding to our rescue, just like he did for the apostles in their time of desperation on that storm-tossed night. Just as he instantly brought peace and transported them safe to shore, in our death, Jesus will instantly bring peace and instantly transport us home to heaven.

My friends, as we prepare to celebrate Easter, don't be hard-hearted like the disciples and refuse to put the message of the miracles together. Jesus' miracles prove he is not just another religious leaders. They prove he is God. The prove he loves us. They prove he came to rescue us when we have place our hope, faith, and trust in him.



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