

Listening to God

~ JOB 9: 1-8, JOHN 6: 16-24 ~

In the Gospel of John Jesus' miracles are never called "miracles" and instead are referred to as "signs". We are working our way through the 7 signs in John's Gospel and will be looking at sign #5 next.

Sign #5 is Jesus walking on water...

- As is so often the case in scripture, there is more going on in this episode than first meets the eye.
- Here we see Jesus not just as a miracle worker or healer but also as Lord over the sea and sky; indeed as Lord of all power.
- Moses, Joshua, Elijah, and Elisha all parted bodies of water (see Exodus 14: 21, Joshua 3: 13, 2 Kings 2: 8, and 2 Kings 2: 14) but only God walked on the water (see Job 9: 8).
- Jesus walking on water is more than just a divine act it is Jesus claiming His divinity.
- Jesus is asking His followers to recognize Him as the Son of Man (see just beyond our passage in John 6: 53) which as we see causes great challenges as many followers desert Him (John 6: 60-71).
- Jesus challenges our preconceived notions of who He is and what following Him asks of us.

To follow Jesus is to be open -radically open- to new possibilities and new ways.

May we be open, receptive, and teachable, as we continue to journey in faith and follow our Lord Jesus Christ wherever it is He leads us.