

*All You Need Is...*

*John 6:16-21*

What is it that, above all else, we need? That's the big question of life. The Bible's answer is the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ one, found in the 5<sup>th</sup> sign miracle recorded in John's Gospel.

This occasion of Jesus walking on the water is recorded not only in the Gospel of John but in Matthew and Mark as well. John's recounting of the story is brief and to the point. As a skilled writer, he crafts his storytelling to \_\_\_\_\_, not to give every detail, so we don't get distracted by the detail.

The few details John gives are not fluff, not accidental. John tells just enough for us to see that the \_\_\_\_\_ playing out in the disciples' experience \_\_\_\_\_ our life experience. We know we need something to \_\_\_\_\_ this life of ours.

That's when Jesus comes walking on the water. Once He arrives, the roaring storm becomes a \_\_\_\_\_, and they are \_\_\_\_\_. So, the answer is \_\_\_\_\_, right? Yes, but there is more, and it's the sign.

Only Matthew wrote about Peter walking on the water. Both John and Mark probably had different reasons for the exclusion. John wanted us to focus on the fact that \_\_\_\_\_ walked on water. Why? Consider this text from **Job 9:8**. Referring to God and His mastery over creation, Job wrote, "He alone stretches out the heavens and \_\_\_\_\_."

This miracle, according to John, is a sign that Jesus is what we need above all else. The reason is, Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_. He "\_\_\_\_\_" it to us by walking on water, something God alone can do.

The Word that spoke creation into existence \_\_\_\_\_ over it, \_\_\_\_\_ it, \_\_\_\_\_ it, \_\_\_\_\_ on its waves. And that Word is God in the flesh—Jesus. All you need is \_\_\_\_\_ in the flesh.

The world tries to tell you what you need to experience peace, joy and happiness. Its answers are always consistent with its \_\_\_\_\_ world view: health, money, possessions, and so on. But you know what it tells you isn't true. \_\_\_\_\_!