

**Valley Bible Church  
Sermon Notes for May 11, 1986**

**Jesus Walking on the Water  
Matthew 14:22-23  
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Introduction:

How does Jesus convey that He is God? He causes them to ask within themselves, “Who is this man?”

For two years Jesus had been demonstrating who He was to the disciples, that He was the coming one, the Messiah.

**John 6:15:** The disciples and multitudes seeing Jesus as King and wanting Him to take the throne. Jesus then withdraws.

Why did Jesus send the disciples away? To remove them from the temptation.

Why did Jesus send the multitudes away? They were a temptation to Him, for His plan was to die on the cross at Calvary. The same as when Satan offered Him kingdoms in the wilderness.

As Christ withdrew from temptation, so we also need to withdraw from temptation.

**Verse 23:** He drew Himself into God’s presence. “He went up to the mountain by Himself to pray.”

**John 17:5:** Love to be in the presence of God.