

# STUDIES FROM THE DESIRE OF AGES

## Chapter XL - "A Night on the Lake"

- A. What kind of Messiah-Deliverer did the people desire? What kind of Deliverer did they need?
- B. How did popular misconceptions of "the Christ" burden the life of Jesus? Are there any popular misconceptions of Christ that might pose as a burden to Him today?
- C. Read [Isaiah 43:1-3](#). Why did God allow the storm to approach the disciples? How does God continue to use afflictions and trials to educate Christians?
- D. How was Peter able to walk on the sea? What caused him to sink beneath the waves? Has even spiritual work sometimes led to pride and self-satisfaction in your

### Additional Thoughts

- 1. Were the unworthy allowed to eat of the food Jesus prepared? Why? (You may not find this answer in the reading.)
- 2. Who wanted to make Jesus king? Why?
- 3. Why did they disperse? Was Jesus' voice mean or angry?
- 4. Where did Jesus go to plan His next steps?
- 5. What was to be the earthly throne Jesus was to ascend?
- 6. What are some of the selfish reasons the disciples wanted Jesus to be recognized as king?

6a.... What do you think of this quote?

**Those were hours of large blessing to the disciples, but they had forgotten it all. They were in the midst of troubled waters. Their thoughts were stormy and unreasonable, and the Lord gave them something else to afflict their souls and occupy their minds. God often does this when men create burdens and troubles for themselves. The disciples had no need to make trouble. Already danger was fast approaching. DA.380.003**

- 7. Why did Jesus not let the storm claim the disciples?
- 8. If we accept a call from Jesus, what can we expect as support from Him?
- 9. True or false. The great tests that come to us help to determine how we will live from day to day. Why, why not?
- 10. Personal views: List a favorite section or some new thought from this reading