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3. Do you think the disciples should have been "completely amazed" by Jesus' walking on water? Why or why not?
4. What did the disciples fail to understand in the feeding of the five thousand that could have helped them in this experience?
5. What new element is there in the demands of the crowds (v.53f)?

APPLICATION:

1. What kinds of situations tend to cause you to panic? Is there a situation in your life right now that causes you to fear? How do Jesus' words in verse 50 speak to that terror? Are they applicable today (see Heb. 13:5-6)?
2. If you had gone through all of this in one day, how would you feel?
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