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 the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multi-   
 tude. ® And they did all eat, and were filled: and they   
 took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets   
 full. 2%! And they that had eaten were about five thousand   
 men, beside women and children.   
 22 And straightway \* Jesus constrained his disciples to   
 get into \*w ship, and to go before him unto the other side,   
 while he sent the multitudes away. 3 And when he had   
 sent the multitudes away, he went up into ta mountain   
 apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was   
 there alone. 24 But the ship was now in the midst of the   
 sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary. °5 And   
 in the fourth watch of the night "Jesus went unto them,   
 walking on the sea. 26 And when the disciples saw him   
 ‘walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is ¥ a   
 spirit; and they cried out for fear. ° But straightway   
 w Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I ;   
 be not afraid. 2% And Peter answered him and said, Lord,   
 f£Job   
   
   
   
   
 if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. 9 And   
 T read, he. 8 render, the.   
 t render, the. U read, he.   
 Y render, an apparition : literally, a phantasm. W or, he.   
   
 understood it :—but see the symbolic im- but too anxious to second wish of the   
 port of the treated in the notes.to fore an im} nt step towards the there-   
 John vi. Meyer well remarke, that 22.) Mark “to Bethsaida,” John   
 the process of the miracle is thus to be “to Ca; im :” for the Bethsaida, the   
 conceived:—the Lord blessed, and gave city of Philip Andrew and Peter, was   
 the loaves and fishes to the disciples, distinct from Bethsaida Julias, in whose   
 they were; and then, during their distri- neighbourhood the miracle took place,—   
 bution of them, the miraculous increase and in the direction Capernaum.   
 took place, so that broke and distri- 25.] The fourth watch according to the   
 buted enough for all. The hinus Roman calculation, which was by this   
 (which is the word here rendered basket) time common among the Jews (who them-   
 was the usual accompaniment of the Jew: eelves divided night into three or   
 see quotation from Juvenal in my Gr. watches). This would be,—near the vernal   
 Test. Reland supposes that the basket equinox, which this was,—between three   
 was to their own meats on a and siz in the The words walk-   
 for fear pollution by cating of the ing on the sea are common to the three   
 Gentiles. 21.) beside women and Evangelists, can have no other mean-   
 children is peculiar to Matt., although ing here, than that the Lord walked   
 this might have been inferred from men bodily on the surface of the water. In   
 being mentioned in the other three Evan- Job. ix. 8 read of the “ Which   
 gelists. See note John vi. 10. alone spreadeth out the heavens, and   
 22—23.] Jesus WALKS ON THE SEA. treadeth upon the waves of the sea.”   
 Mark vi. 45—52. (Luke omits this in- Mark adds “and would have passed by   
 cident.) John vi. The conviction them 2" John, “and drawing nigh unto the   
 of the people after the foregoing ship.” See notes on John. 28.) This   
 was, that Jesus was the Messiah; and narrative respecting Peter is peculiar to   
 their disposition, take Him by force, Matthew. It is in very strict   
 and make Him aking. See John vi. 14, with his warm and confident character,   
 15. For this reason he constrained His and has been called almost ‘rehearsal’ of   
 disciples leave Him, because they were