

The Gospel According to Mark Jesus. Servant. Master.

Lesson 24

Read Mark 6:32 – 44

Introduction: *The first four books of the New Testament, the gospels, share four perspectives on the life of Jesus Christ. Each author, through inspiration of the Holy Spirit, recorded those words or works of Christ that impacted him. Only one miracle of Christ is found in all four gospels accountings; the feeding of the five thousand. We know there are no unimportant passages of Scriptures, and this miracle would be valuable enough were it mentioned just once, but it was recorded four times. If God took the time to include a single event in the life of Christ four different times, there must be some truths contained therein He wants us to learn.*

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1. Jesus had previously sent the disciples out two by two at the beginning of chapter 6, with a mission to heal the sick and cast out demons. Notice when they had returned they were now called “*apostles*” meaning *sent out ones* according to Mark 6:30. What did Jesus ask them to do in Mark 6:31 and why?
 - What happened as they *departed to a deserted place* according to Mark 6:32 – 33?

- Have you ever had a time when you were so busy you didn't have time to rest? (Explain)

2. How did Jesus view this great multitude following Him and what was His reaction according to Mark 6:34?

- Instead of sending them away how did Jesus minister to the people?

3. Apparently, Jesus taught the people the Word of God, the bread of life all day and now the hour was getting late. What did the disciples urge Jesus to do according to Mark 6:35 – 36?

- Was the disciples concern for the welfare of the people? What would you have of done under the same circumstances?

4. It is estimated there were five thousand men plus women and children. This would be an overwhelming amount of people to care for. What did Jesus tell His disciples to do according to verse 37 and what was their reaction?

Man may see the impassable while God does the impossible

“For with God nothing will be impossible”

Luke 1:37

5. What did Jesus instruct His disciples to do according to Mark 6:38 – 40?

- Did the disciples obey and follow the directions of Jesus by faith or by understanding the power of God?

6. What lessons do we learn from the “Feeding of the Five Thousand” concerning:

- Compassion

- Instruction

- Direction

- Delegation

- Provision