

THE GOSPEL OF  
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## CHAPTER 6, PART 2

*Verses 30-56*

### FEEDING THE 5000; WALKING ON WATER

The crowds of people following Jesus were growing. People with many needs continually surrounded Him. Jesus in His humanity was tired and weary, and He was grieving the loss of His cousin John the Baptist. He knew it was time to rest and get away alone with His disciples, who also needed rest spiritually and physically. But as we will see that would not be an easy task.

#### MEMORY VERSE

*“And Jesus, when he came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things.”*

**Mark 6:34**

**Read Mark 6:30-56**, focusing on Jesus and the lessons He was teaching the disciples at that time. What do you learn for yourself?

#### JESUS FEEDS 5000

(Mark 6:30-44; Matt. 14:13-21; Luke 9:11-17; John 6:1-14. All four gospels record this miracle.)

1. What news had Jesus heard that caused Him to want to retreat to a deserted place to be alone?  
(See Matthew 14:12-14)

2. Back from their journey, the apostles gathered to Jesus. Can you imagine the conversation? What did they share with Him (v.30)?
3. After such a powerful work, what did Jesus perceive He and His disciples needed at this time? Describe the reason why and what they did (vv.31-32).

“If you don’t come apart and rest, you will come apart.” *Vance Havern*

### **PERSONAL**

How often do you take the time to go to a deserted place to be alone with Jesus? Ministry can be exciting and rewarding but does not take the place of finding alone time with our Savior to listen to His still small voice and allow His Spirit to recharge your soul. Is Jesus calling you to seek Him now? What hinders you from taking that needed rest with Jesus?

4. Jesus and the disciples departed by boat to a quiet, deserted place with intentions to be set apart from the crowds. How was the much needed quiet time Jesus and the disciples longed for interrupted? How does Jesus respond to this change of plan? Why? How did Jesus see them (v.34)? (Also see Matt. 14:14.)

### **PERSONAL**

What is your first reaction or response when your plans are interrupted by needy people? How do you see those who are lost without a Shepherd? What lessons do you learn from Jesus our Good Shepherd? (See Psalm 23; Isaiah 40:11; Ezekiel 34:5-31; John10:11-16)

5. As the day moved along, the disciples went to Jesus with an immediate concern. What was the problem they took to Jesus (vv.35-36)?
  
6. What phrase did Jesus say in Mark, Matthew, and Luke in response to the disciples' dilemma? How did that seem like an impossibility to them (v.37a)? (Also see Matt. 14;16; Luke 9:13)
  
7. What added insight can we get from reading John's account? Who found the lad? (John 6:5-9)
  
8. How do you see Jesus taking control of this impossible situation (vv.38-42)?
  - a. What did Jesus ask?
  
  - b. What did He command? What Psalm does this bring to mind?
  
  - c. What did the people do?
  
  - d. What did Jesus do before passing out the food?
  
  - e. How was the food distributed to the people?
  
9. How many of the people were filled and satisfied? How many baskets of food were left over?

## DIG DEEPER

Jesus sought to develop the disciples' faith in this miracle. What are some of the lessons you have learned about God's provisions in an overwhelming need and with insufficient resources? How have you been encouraged to give to Jesus what you have in order to experience His generous abundance?

"The miracle took place in His hands, not in theirs, for whatever we give to Him, He can bless and multiply. We are not manufacturers; we are only distributors." *Warren Wiersbe*

## JESUS WALKS ON WATER

10. Where does Jesus immediately send the disciples in the same day? The multitudes? After all of them are sent away, what does Jesus go and do (vv.45-46)?

### DID YOU KNOW?

In New Testament times, the night was divided into four watches: The first watch was from six in the evening until nine at night. The second watch was from nine to midnight, the third watch from midnight until three in the morning, and **the fourth watch** from three in the morning until six about sunrise.

Smith's Bible Dictionary.

11. Why did Jesus send the apostles away after such a miracle? (See John 6:14-15 for additional information.)

12. What did Jesus see in the evening as He was alone on the land? When did Jesus go to His disciples? How did He get to the boat (vv.47-48)?

## DIG DEEPER

Read Acts 4:1-4. What is similar to Mark 6:44, 48? How did these events in Mark 6 prepare the apostles for the "storms" in fulfilling their mission from Jesus?

13. The physically exhausted and storm weary disciples were not expecting Jesus to come to them. Who did they assume Him to be (vv.48-50)?

14. Write the words of comfort Jesus assured His disciples with:

“Be of \_\_\_\_\_! it is \_\_\_\_ do not be \_\_\_\_\_.” Mark 6:50b

### **PERSONAL**

The disciples were in a storm because of their obedience to His command. He saw them straining against the wind. What storm are you in today because of your obedience to God’s Word? Do you know that God sees you and He knows where you are? The disciples were afraid, but Jesus’s presence calmed their fears. When you are afraid, do you try to deal with the problem yourself, or do you allow Jesus to come into the fear and help you with it?

“In times of fear and uncertainty, we can be reassured that Jesus is always with us. To recognize fear is the antidote to fear” (Matthew 28:20 NLT).

15. According to Matthew 14:28-29, at this point, as Jesus was walking on the water towards their boat, what bold command did Peter make of Jesus? How does Jesus answer Peter?

16. What did Peter miraculously do as he climbed out of the boat? What then caused Peter to be afraid? In his fear, what did he cry out to Jesus? (See Matthew 14:30)

17. How did Jesus catch Peter? What were His words to Peter? As they got into the boat, what happened to the storm? (See Matthew 14:31-32)

18. After Jesus rescues them, what was the disciples' reaction? (See Matthew 14:33) What does Mark 6:51 add?
19. What caused the disciples to fail this test (v.52)?
20. The disciples' disbelief took the form of misunderstanding. After all they had seen Jesus say and do, their hearts were hard. Sometimes our hearts can become hard. We can see how Jesus works in other people's lives but refuse to believe He will do the same for us. Is your heart soft towards the Lord?
21. Jesus and His disciples moved on to Gennesaret. What happened when they arrived and got out of the boat (vv.53-33)?
22. Can you describe what it was like when Jesus entered the villages and cities. What happened to all the needy people who touched Jesus?

### **DWELL ON THIS**

The people in Gennesaret had faith that Jesus could bring healing to their lives. They had only heard about Jesus, so they came and He rewarded their faith. They understood and their hearts were open to Jesus and His power for their lives. God rewards those who diligently seek Him. Does this describe you today?

“Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see.”

Hebrews 11:1 NLT



