

MARK 6:30-44 (part 1)

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

Parallel Passages

Matthew 14:13-21

Mark 6:30-44

Luke 9:10-17

John 6:1-15

*1 of 2 miracles in all 4 gospels – the other?

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FLANNEL GRAPH SECTION FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL

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30 The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught.

- Who are the apostles? Who are they not?
- Where are they returning from and why?
- What has happened while they were gone?
- By whose power were the disciples' actions possible?
- What is this foreshadowing?

Mark 6:31

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- Who is them?
- Away from whom?
- Why a desolate place?
- What would they need to discuss?

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- Commanded to rest...but only for a while
- Why would they need rest?
- Why do we need to rest?
- How do you function without food?
- Who is concerned that their flock eats?
- What is this foreshadowing?

Mark 6:32

32 And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves.

- Where/what did they go away from?
- Could the whole crowd fit in the boat?
- Desolate place - 3 times in chapter 6
 - 1:3, 1:4 – John preached in the wilderness
 - 1:12, 1:13 – Jesus was tempted
 - 1:35 – Jesus prayed in a desolate place
 - 1:45 – Jesus preached (crowd came to him)

Mark 6:33

33 Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them.

- Who saw them?
- Who was recognized?
- Why is this important to understand?
- What is this foreshadowing?
- Who ran on foot?
- What happened as they ran?

Mark 6:34

34 When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things.

- What does going ashore imply?
- Compassion – used 3 more times in Mark
 - 1:41 – cleanses the leper
 - 8:2 – Jesus feeds the Four Thousand
 - 9:22 – Jesus heals a boy with an unclean spirit

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- What does Jesus's compassion show about his focus?
- What did this do to the circle?
- How do we miss opportunities to open up our circle?

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- What does a flock of sheep look like without a shepherd?
- Why do we need a shepherd?

Application / Personalization

- Spend some time with God in a desolate place.
- Find a way to make your circle larger.
- Decide which shepherd you are truly following.