

Series "The God Who Serves"
"Unlimited Resources"
Mark 6:30-44
Study-21

This is the only miracle (except the Resurrection) that all 4 Gospels record, so it must be extremely important. Matt 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-14

"The Feeding Of The 5,000" Is not to be confused with the "Feeding Of The 4,000", Matt 15:32-39; Mark 8:1-9

Jesus Feeds The Multitude With Bread: Psalm 132:15

Jesus Said, The People Were Sheep Without A Shepherd: Isaiah 40:11

Thought Of Our Passage: "Jesus Is The Bread Of Life; He Alone Can Meet The Need Of The Hunger Of The Soul"

1. Verses 30-33 – Jesus Gives Rest

2. Verse 34 – Jesus Gives Truth

3. Verses 35-44 – Jesus Gives Food

1. Verses 30-33 – Jesus Gives Rest:

Mark 6: 30

"And" – Mark 6:7-13 Sends out the 12 Apostles: Mark 6:14-29 The Murder of John The Baptist: Mark 6: 30-32 The Apostles Report back to Jesus after their short term mission.

"And the apostles" – This is the first time that the disciples are called "Apostles."

Mark 6: 31

Our Relationship With Jesus Can Suffer:

Our Relationship With Others Can Suffer:

Mark 3: 20

"lonely place" (KJV "Desert place") – a deserted, sparsely populated place.

Mark 6: 32

Luke 9: 10 – Bethsaida

John 1: 43-44

Luke 10: 13

John 6: 14-15

John 6: 22-59

Mark 6: 33 – Bethsaida is on the East side of the sea. That is a distance by sea of about 4 miles and on land it is 8-10 miles.

2. Verse 34 – Jesus Gives Truth:

Mark 6: 34

Matthew 14: 21

“compassion for them” – Literally, “To be gripped or wrenched with compassion”; 9X this is said of Jesus!

Matthew 15: 18-19

Jesus Always Places The Spiritual Need First – “He began to teach them many things.” Luke 9: 11

3. Verses 35-44 – Jesus Gives Food:

Mark 6: 35-36

Do It Yourself Method: “they may go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.”

Mark 6: 37

Jesus always commands the impossible; Because He intends to do the work.

John 6: 5 said it was Philip; Jesus was testing Philip to see if he would look to Jesus to meet the need. He failed.

“denarii” – a day’s wage; is equivalent to 17-20 Cents.

Mark 6: 38

“The disciples talk of buying what they have not, but Jesus thinks of blessing what they have.”

John 6: 9 – It was Andrew that found a little boy that had 5 barley loaves and 2 fish.

2 Corinthians 4: 7

Mark 6: 39

“green grass” – This is the month of March/April when the fields turn green.
John 6: 4

Ps. 23: 1-2

Mark 6: 40

1 Cor 14: 40

“companies” – “flower beds, garden plot”

Mark 6: 41

“looking up toward heaven.” – That is what we need to do too. That if we are going to feed hungry souls, we have to look up; that is where the supply is to come from.

“He blessed the food and broke the loaves” – If we would look up, we would also bless too.

“He kept giving them to the disciples to set before them;” – If we look, we will bless; we will then have something to give.

“and He divided up the two fish among them all.” – The miracle took place in His hands.

“We Are Not Manufacturers, But We Are Distributors”

Mark 6: 42 – “satisfied”: “to be filled up, to be full”; We would say, “We were gluttoned!”

Colossians 2: 9-10

Mark 6: 43

Mark 6:44

Note: Mark 6:42 – “all ate and were satisfied.”

Application:

1. We Must Ask Jesus As To How He Would Have Us Feed The Hungry Multitudes.
2. As God’s Disciples, We Have The Unique Privilege Of Being Channels Of His Blessings.
3. Jesus Is The Bread Of Life, And Only Jesus Can Satisfy The Spiritual Hunger In Man’s Soul.
4. When We Offer To Jesus What We Have, We Never Loose. It Is More Blessed To Give Than To Receive.