

The Lord Will Provide!

Mark 6:30-44

I. The Milieu – the Setting of the Miracle (30-34)

- **A. Report (30)**
 - **30** - The apostles gathered together with Jesus; and they reported to Him all that they had done and taught.
- **B. Rest (31-34)**
 - **1) Rest Needed (31)**
 - **31** - And He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while." (For there were many people coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat.)
 - **2) Rest Sought (32)**
 - **32** - They went away in the boat to a secluded place by themselves.

The Message of Scripture

- Ps. 104:28 - You give to them, they gather it up; You open Your hand, they are satisfied with good.
- Acts 14:17 - and yet He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good and gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness."
- Acts 17:25 - nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things;
- 1 Tim. 6:17 - God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.

Palestine in NT Times



The Outline...

- 1) The Milieu – the Setting of the Miracle (30-34)
- 2) The Miracle – the Feeding of the 5000 (35-44)
- 3) The Message – the Implications for Us





Jordan River north of Sea of Galilee



Bethsaida plain aerial from northwest



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- B. Rest (31-34)
 - 1) Rest Needed (31)
 - 2) Rest Sought (32)
 - 3) Rest Interrupted (33-34)
 - 33 - The people saw them going, and many recognized them and ran there together on foot from all the cities, and got there ahead of them.
 - Cf. John 6:2 - A large crowd followed Him, because they saw the signs which He was performing on those who were sick. Then Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat down with His disciples.
 - 34 - When Jesus went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and He felt compassion for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things.
 - Luke 9:11 adds - But the crowds ... followed Him; and welcoming them, He began speaking to them about the kingdom of God and curing those who had need of healing.



Northeastern shore of Sea of Galilee

II. The Miracle – the Feeding of the 5000 (35-44)

- A. The Laudable Concern for Physical Needs (35-37)
 - 1) By the Disciples (35-36)
 - 35-36 - When it was already quite late, His disciples came to Him and said, "This place is desolate and it is already quite late; 36 send them away so that they may go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat."
 - 2) By the Lord (37)
 - 37a - But He answered them, "You give them something to eat!" And they said to Him, "Shall we go and spend two hundred denarii on bread and give them something to eat?"
 - 37b - And they said to Him, "Shall we go and spend two hundred denarii on bread and give them something to eat?"



II. The Miracle – the Feeding of the 5000 (35-44)

- **A. The Laudable Concern for Physical Needs (35-37)**
- **B. The Limited Resources of the Disciples (38)**
 - **38** - And He said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go look!" And when they found out, they said, "Five, and two fish."




The Message – the Implications for Us

- 1) A lesson about the compassionate character of our God.
- 2) A lesson about the divine nature of Jesus Christ.
- 3) A lesson about Christ's ability and desire to provide for our physical needs.
- 4) A lesson in faith.
- 5) A lesson in consecration.



"Two Fish"

- 1) Barbels: so-called because of the barbs at the corners of their mouths.
- 2) Musht: more commonly known today as "St. Peter's Fish"
 - Up to 1.5 ft, and 3.3 lbs.
- 3) Sardines



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- **C. The Lavish Provision by the Lord (39-44)**
 - **39-40** - And He commanded them all to sit down by groups on the green grass. 40 They sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties.
 - **40-41** - And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up toward heaven, He blessed the food and broke the loaves and He kept giving them to the disciples to set before them; and He divided up the two fish among them all.
 - **42** - They all ate and were satisfied.
 - **43** - and they picked up twelve full baskets of the broken pieces, and also of the fish.
 - **44** - There were five thousand men who ate the loaves.
 - John 6:14 - Therefore when the people saw the sign which He had performed, they said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world."