

Just Give What You Got!

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Mark 6:33-52

Five Thousand Fed

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. ³⁴ When Jesus went ^[a]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. ³⁵ When it was already quite late, His disciples came to Him and said, “^[b]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 ^[c]something to eat.” ³⁷ But He answered them, “You give them *something* to eat!” And they *said to Him, “Shall we go and spend two hundred ^[d]denarii on bread and give them *something* to eat?” 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.” ³⁹ And He commanded them all to ^[e]sit down by groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ They ^[f]sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. 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.

Jesus Walks on the Water

⁴⁵ Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go ahead of *Him* to the other side to Bethsaida, while He Himself was sending the crowd away. ⁴⁶ After bidding them farewell, He left for the mountain to pray.

⁴⁷ When it was evening, the boat was in the middle of the sea, and He was alone on the land. ⁴⁸ Seeing them ^[g]straining at the oars, for the wind was against them, at about the ^[h]fourth watch of the night He *came to them, walking on the sea; and He intended to pass by them. ⁴⁹ But when they saw Him walking on the sea, they supposed that it was a ghost, and cried out; ⁵⁰ for they all saw Him and were ^[i]terrified. But immediately He spoke with them and *said to them, “Take courage; it is I, do not be afraid.” ⁵¹ Then He got into the boat with them, and the wind stopped; and they were utterly astonished, ⁵² for they ^[j]had not gained any insight from the *incident of* the loaves, but ^[k]their heart was hardened.

Footnotes:

- a. Mark 6:34 Lit *out*
- b. Mark 6:35 Lit *The*
- c. Mark 6:36 Lit *what they may eat*
- d. Mark 6:37 The denarius was equivalent to one day’s wage
- e. Mark 6:39 Lit *recline*
- f. Mark 6:40 Lit *reclined*
- g. Mark 6:48 Lit *harassed in rowing*
- h. Mark 6:48 I.e. 3-6 a.m.
- i. Mark 6:50 Or *troubled*
- j. Mark 6:52 Lit *had not understood on the basis of*
- k. Mark 6:52 Or *their mind was closed, made dull, or insensible*

Matthew 28:20

²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you ^[a]always, even to the end of the age.”

Footnotes:

- a. Matthew 28:20 Lit *all the days*

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