

# Mark 6:30-56

Mark 6:30 – “The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught.

6:31 – “And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.

6:32 – “And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves.

6:33 – “Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them.

1. A pilgrim named Egeria (383-395) writes this place was at Tabgha or the Seven Springs
2. The crowd did not run 15-20 miles to the other side of the lake
3. The Jordan on the north side would be too high for the crowds to cross

6:34 – “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.

1. Sheep without a shepherd is not the lack of a Pastor as in a church, but is the image of a nation without a king
2. Jesus sees their need and began to teach

6:35 – “And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late.

6:36 – “Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.”

6:37 – “But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?”

1. Denarii is a days wage
2. 200 denarii would basically be an annual salary or wages
3. This would buy about 2,400 loaves of bread about the size of a small pizza (1” thick, 7-8 inches round)

6:38 – “And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.”

6:39 – “Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass.

6:40 – “So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties.

1. Orderly arrangement similar to a Roman legion of 5,000 and the number of Galilean troops Josephus assembled for war with Rome in 67 AD before his defeat.
2. Rebellion leaders organized their troops in the wilderness

6:41 – “And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all.

6:42 – “And they all ate and were satisfied.

6:43 – “And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish.

6:44 – “And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

1. 5,000 men identifies the military ready members

6:45 – “Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd.

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1. Enankasen indicates the disciples were reluctant to leave.
2. See John 6:14-15
3. Bethsaida was on the east side of the lake, east of the Jordan.
4. The crowd would not be able to follow the disciples there
5. The disciples may have been playing into the idea of a king and an army. They thought he was the “Messiah”, the military leader.
6. Philip, Andrew and Peter were from Bethsaida
7. Jesus “made” his disciples go “immediately” because this was urgent

6:46 – “And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray.

1. This would be the Eremos ridge near Tabgha
2. Jesus could see the disciples rowing against the waves from here.

3. Jesus goes away to pray 3x in Mark. Each time the disciples misunderstand the mission and Jesus goes alone at night at a time of crisis to focus on his purpose
  - a. 1:35
  - b. 6:45
  - c. 14:35-39

6:47 – “And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land.

6:48 – “And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them,

1. Fourth watch is 3-6 AM
2. Jesus was revealing his deity to them as the OT God who tramples on the waves

6:49 – “but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out,

6:50 – “for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”

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6:51 – “And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded,

6:52 – “for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

6:53 – “When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore.

1. They were sent to Bethsaida, but land in Gennesaret on the opposite side
2. Gennesaret is a district between Tiberias and Capernaum 3.5 miles long and a mile wide

3. It is a fertile area described by Josephus as remarkable in beauty and producing a variety of fruit and trees

6:54 – “And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him

6:55 – “and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was.

6:56 – “And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

1. The tassels were made of a blue cord on the edge of the cloak that was worn by Jewish men since Numbers 15:37-41 (Deut. 22:12) to remind them of the Word of the Lord









