

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. In what way are the unsaved as sheep without a shepherd?
2. What do you think Jesus was trying to teach by performing this miracle?
3. Jesus first taught, then fed the people. Does this order have any significance? Matthew 6:30.
4. What do you think was the reason for the overabundance of bread and fish?

SUMMARY:

Jesus showed His concern for both the physical and spiritual needs of people and He demonstrated His ability to provide for both. First, He heard the report of the twelve concerning their preaching the news of the kingdom and healing the sick. Then as He was going to a remote place to rest with His disciples, His compassion for the people caused Him to forego bodily rest for an opportunity to preach to the people. Later, as evening drew near, He miraculously multiplied the five loaves and two fishes to supply food for over five thousand people with twelve baskets full to spare. Our Lord can take of the little we can bring to Him, add His blessing, and work wonders.

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #8

February 20, 2022

First Quarter

THE MASTER'S PROVISION

LESSON TEXT: Mark 6:30-44

LESSON SETTING: Christ called the apostles together in the desert near the Sea of Galilee.

TIME: About 31 A.D.

I. THE MASTER'S COUNSEL. Mark 6:30-32

- A. Fellowship (vs. 30) 1 John 1:3
- B. Physical Rest (vs. 31)

II. THE MASTER'S TEACHING. Mark 6:33-34

- A. Seeking Christ. (vs. 33) Luke 4:42; 19:3; John 12:21
- B. Christ's Compassion (vs. 34) Matthew 20:34; Luke 7:13
- C. Christ Teaches (vs. 34) Matthew 4:23; 5:2; 7:29

III. THE MASTER'S MIRACLE. Mark 6:35-44

- A. Man's Need—God's Opportunity (vs. 36-38) Mark 4:38; 6:48; Acts 12:6
- B. Divine Care (vs. 41) Luke 12:7; 1 Peter 5:7
- C. Divine Provision (vs. 42-44) Deuteronomy 2:7; 1 Kings 17:6-16; Philippians 4:19

GOLDEN TEXT: *I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE: HE THAT COMETH TO ME SHALL NEVER HUNGER.* John 6:35

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Mark 6:45-56

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: 2 Kings 6:1-17; Matthew 14:22-36;
John 6:15-21

QUARTERLY THEME: Christ - King and Savior

TOPIC: CHRIST, MASTER OF FEAR

INTRODUCTION:

The disciples feared as they rowed their boat in the sea when the wind was against them. They were working hard to get to shore when they saw Jesus walking on the water. Their fear increased, but what a wonderful relief to hear His voice and these precious words: *“Be of good cheer, it is I; be not afraid.”*

How much we are like they were. We often work hard at something trying to help ourselves out of difficulties or dangers and forgetting to look unto Him. We must recognize that He is always present, walking with us in time of danger. When we remember this and depend upon Him, we hear His blessed words: *“Be of good cheer, it is I; be not afraid.”* Our fears leave and we entrust ourselves into His Hands, knowing He does all things well.

Oh, for more faith to trust Him still more fully! How often we would be saved from the awful fears that at times seem to engulf us. We hurt His “Father Heart” when we are fearful and forget to trust Him.

CENTRAL TRUTH: Christ provides for our temporal and spiritual needs.

GOLDEN TEXT: *BE OF GOOD CHEER; IT IS I; BE NOT AFRAID.*

Mark 6:50

We are confronted with many fears in this life. Fear of dangers, fear of the unknown, fears for the future and fear of death. These fears are intensified if we also fear judgment. How wonderfully Christ can allay all these fears in us. If we make Him the Master of our life, He will become the Master of our fears. But we must truly know Him as our Savior and He must know us as His redeemed, else how could He say to us, *“It is I; be not afraid.”* But often our faith is weak and like His disciples, we are not sure and wonder if He really is with us.

So it behooves us to give Him first place in our hearts and lives, for what greater blessing is there than to be able to say, in truth: “He ruleth wind, and sea, and ME.”

Oft He lets me my course pursue
Sometimes through storm and night,
My safety yet He had in view
Long ere the storm's dread might.
He anchor, here and there, doth find,
The wind He guideth true;
My landing place He hath in Mind
And leadeth safely through. Z.H. 313:2

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Feb. 21 – 27

- M. *Christ, Master of Fear. Mark 6:45-56
- T. Deliverance from Enemies. Genesis 31:17-29
- W. Deliverance from Fearing the Future. Genesis 46:1-7
- T. Deliverance from Feeling Inferior. Exodus 3:11-18
- F. Deliverance from Weakness. Joshua 1:1-9
- S. Deliverance In Time of Danger. 2 Kings 6:8-16
- S. Deliverance from Anxiety. Psalm 3:1-8

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