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PROVISION



A STUDY OF
Mark



Our Need

Mark 6:30-32 ^{NIV}

The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. ³¹ Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, **“Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.”** ³² So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place.



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Mark 6:33-34a ^{NIV}

But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd...



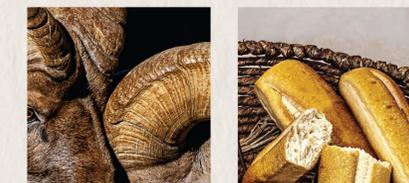
“The great thing, if one can, is to stop regarding all the unpleasant things as interruptions of one’s ‘own,’ or ‘real’ life. The truth is of course that what one calls the interruptions are precisely one’s real life -- the life God is sending one day by day.”

- CS Lewis, *The Pilgrim’s Regress*



“Gospel”

The good news of **who** Jesus is and **what** He has done/does.



Our Need
Who Jesus is



Mark 6:34 ^{NIV}

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, **he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd.** So he began teaching them many things.



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Mark 6:35-37 NIV

By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him.

“This is a remote place,” they said, “and it’s already very late.

³⁶ Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.”

³⁷ But he answered, **“You give them something to eat.”** They said to him, “That would take more than half a year’s wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?”



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Mark 6:38 NIV

“How many loaves do you have?” he asked. “Go and see.” When they found out, they said, “Five—and two fish.”



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Mark 6:39-40 ^{NIV}

Then Jesus **directed (commanded) them to have all the people sit down (recline) in groups on the green grass.** ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties.



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What Jesus does

Mark 6:41 ^{NIV}

Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then **he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people.** He also divided the two fish among them all.



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What Jesus does

Mark 6:42-44^{NIV}

They all ate and were satisfied,⁴³ and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish.⁴⁴ The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.



Psalm 23 NIV

¹ The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,

³ he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.

