

Mark 6.6-13, 30-32 (Part 1) & Mark 6.30-44 (Part 2)

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Mark 6 v 6 – 13 & 30 - 32

Jesus went around teaching from village to village. ⁷ Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.

⁸ These were his instructions: 'Take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. ⁹ Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. ¹⁰ Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town.

¹¹ And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.'

¹² They went out and preached that people should repent. ¹³ They drove out many demons and anointed with oil many people who were ill and healed them.

³⁰ The apostles gathered round 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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Summer invitation

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“Get the people to sit down in groups”

- Miraculous but well-organised

Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, Jesus 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.

*Imagine yourself as one of the disciples at this point.
What are you thinking as he calls you forward to start distributing food?*

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The miracle: “They all ate and were satisfied.” (Luke 9:17 NAB)

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Feeding the huge crowd

1. A ‘sign’ showing who Jesus is and his great power
‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.’ John 6 v 35 & 40
2. An example of the fact that King Jesus chooses to do his kingdom work through his people
‘we will grow to become the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body grows and builds itself up in love as each part does its work.’ Ephesians 4 v 15-16
3. A reminder to us that without him we can achieve nothing and that, by faith in him, we have all the resources we require
‘If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.’ John 15 v 5

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