

THE GOSPEL *of*

**MARK**



## Gospel of Mark

- written by John Mark on accounts from Peter

## 3 Big Chunks

- Galilee – encountering Jesus, who is this?
- Jerusalem – disciples struggling to understand
- Journey to Jerusalem – how Jesus will fulfill the role of Messiah King

“Mark is cryptic, big picture with carefully chosen stories and details introducing you to the Gospel.



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5000

Mark 6:30-44 “The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. 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. And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. 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.

And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii[f] worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" 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." Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties.



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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. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.”

- see Matthew 14, Luke 9, John 6

## 1. Response to the Crowd

- personally – frustrated and irritated
- John 6:2 “And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick”
- intent – get away to rest and restore

### a) Had Compassion on Them

- saw them as sheep without a shepherd
- taught them willingly
- poured out – because of heart being affected



## 2. Practical Plan

- disciples gathered for a discussion

### a) Here is What to do

- late, many, needs, send them away

### b) Response of Jesus

- you feed them

- impossible – no earthly way this can happen

- sarcasm – sure give us the money will look after it right away!

### 3. Take Inventory – What do you Have?

#### a) go and see

- ask people for what can't possibly fix it
- what will they offer to be used?

#### b) 5 loaves and 2 fish

- John 6:8-9 “One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?”



### c) organized and expectant

- have them sit in groups, ready to receive
- note – before the miracle

## 4. Need Satisfied and Then Some

- a) blessed the food
- b) all ate and were satisfied
- c) 12 baskets of left-overs
- d) 5000 men – plus women & children

## So What?

### 1. Serving Others and Our Hearts

- created for healthy of work and rest

- a) will I allow God to show me the issue

  - affect my heart, see from His perspective

- b) will I allow God to use me

  - plans interrupted, poured out when tired?



## 2. My Suggestions to Jesus

- so often I take what I see – suggest a solution

a) God sees what I cannot

- at work and inviting me to be a part

- opportunity to evidence His power

b) Inviting me to participate

- let's feed them

- be careful of sarcasm – can hide what God would have you encounter

### 3. Shift eyes from the Problem to the Provision

a) what have I entrusted to you?

- what resources are yours to use now?
- identify what is being offered to God to use
- allow Holy Spirit to show where you are grasping for yourself not seeing what God wishes to use it for?

b) pleased with a willing (cheerful) offering

- amount is not the issue (widow's mite)
- not important for you to see how it's used



c) be expectant

- when God clearly asks
- you respond with what you are entrusted
- have great expectation – He will do .....

#### 4. Mark moments and practice Gratitude

a) experienced an amazing miracle

- fed, satisfied, taught – clearly experienced

b) same people calling for Barabbas in less than a year.

- experience does not bring maturity