

Mrk21 – **Is Jesus Your Source? – Mark 6:30-44**

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**There** are **Two Perspectives**

that we **can look at** today's text **FROM**

**We can look** at it

from the **PEOPLE'S Perspective** (the Crowd)

**OR** – **we can look** at it

from the **DISCIPLE'S Perspective**

**I've Chosen** (for us) to look at it

from the **Disciple's Perspective**

**& so** – the Title – **IS Jesus Your Source?**

**Is Jesus your Source – for ALL that you need**

In **EVERY CRISIS MOMENT** - in your **LIFE?**

**CAN** you **LOOK** to him – **AS Your SOURCE**

**& CAN** you **Trust Him to PROVIDE**

**What** you **truly need?**

**Let's Pray**

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**IS Jesus your Source?**

& Please – **Don't be thinking**  
of **Physical** & **Earthly Needs**

**IF Jesus - IS Truly Our SOURCE**  
then we **MUST Re-Align our Thinking**

**We have** to **STOP** - thinking **ABOUT This World**  
& thinking **LIKE this World**

& **We Have** to **START** – thinking **ABOUT Jesus**  
& thinking **LIKE Jesus**

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**Today - Jesus** is **going to PROVE** – To **His Disciples** -  
That **He** is the **TRUE SOURCE** – For **all that they Need**

**My Questions Are - Two:**

- 1) **CAN WE** Truly **RECEIVE That** & **BELIEVE it?**
  - 2) **IF WE CAN** - Then  
**HOW** do we **BEGIN LIVING LIKE** we **believe it?**
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Remember – **2 Messages** ago  
In **our Msg** Titled “**Simple Gospel**”

**Jesus sent** his **Disciples** out  
on their **FIRST Missionary Journey**

**So** our **text begins** today  
with the **Disciples Returning**

**Totally & Completely EXHAUSTED**  
**From** their **FIRST Missions** Trip

**Mark 6:30–31 (NLT)**

***30 The apostles returned to Jesus from their ministry tour and told him all they had done and taught.***

***31 Then Jesus said, “Let’s go off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile.” He said this because there were so many people coming and going that Jesus and his apostles didn’t even have time to eat.***

The **Disciples** (or Apostles) **came back**  
with a **Great Testimony** - But **Completely EXHAUSTED**

**They** had **Taken nothing** w/ them  
But a **Walking Stick**

they **told everyone** they met  
to **REPENT** - & **turn to God**

they **cast out demons**  
& **healed** the **sick**

& they **ALSO EXPERIENCED**  
Plenty of **Rejection**, & **Difficulty**

& as soon as they got back to Jesus  
they Didn't even have time to EAT –

So - They were NOW –  
STRETCHED to the BREAKING POINT

& so Jesus says  
*“Man, you guys need some REST”*

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It Reminds me of a Nursery Rhyme (maybe you've heard it)

*Mary had a little lamb,  
It was given to the church to keep,  
But it tried to meet all the needs it self,  
And died for lack of sleep!*

THAT – is Exactly WHERE the Disciples Are  
RIGHT NOW

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So – we read - Mark 6:32 (NLT)

*32 So they left by boat for a quiet place, where they could be alone.*

Jesus was taking the Disciples  
on a REJUVENATION Experience

BUT – it was DEFINITELY NOT going to be  
what they expected

**Jesus is Purposefully TAKING**

His **Exhausted** – **Stretched-to-the-Breaking-Point** Disciples

**INTO** an **Unexpected - Pressure-Filled Situation**

**SO THAT** they **might LEARN**  
a **Greater & Deeper Lesson**

**about WHO** Their **TRUE SOURCE IS**  
for **ALL that they need** – **in EVERY Situation**

In **Order TO DO**  
**All** that **He** has **Called them TO DO**

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**Here's a question**

**HOW** do we **LEARN** – that **Jesus** is **TRULY the SOURCE**  
For **ALL that we need**

In **Order TO DO**  
**ALL** that He has **Called us TO DO?**

We **learn** it **Best** – By **EXPERIENCE**, **don't we?**

**We learn** it – by **Meeting Jesus**  
**in the Middle** - of a **Breaking-Point Situation**

**Where we HAVE TO - LOOK TO HIM  
as our Complete & Miraculous SOURCE**

**Which is Exactly what the Disciples  
are about to experience**

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So – **Jesus** & the **Disciples left**

For **what** the **Disciples thought**  
was **going** to **be** - a **little R & R**

**Then – Mark 6:33 says (NLT)**

***33 But many people recognized them and saw them leaving, and people from many towns ran ahead along the shore and got there ahead of them.***

**The Sailing** on the **Galilee**  
was **Generally** done **NEAR the shore**

& **maybe** they were **sailing Against the Wind** that day

& the **people** were **Running along the Shore** with the boat

& the **more people followed** -  
the **more people started following**

**until** it was **thousands of people** gathering  
**where** the **boat** finally **landed** - at **Bethsaida** (most likely)

**Mark 6:34 (NLT)**

**34 Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.**

Jesus **SAW** the **Huge Crowd**

& he had **COMPASSION** on them

**Because** they **were** like **SHEEP** - **without** a **SHEPHERD**

& so He **began TEACHING** them – **SPIRITUAL TRUTHS**

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His **COMPASSION** on them – **Drove Him**

To **TEACH** them - **SPIRITUAL TRUTHS**

**This** is a **BIG DEAL** – for **people** who **think** the **Church**  
**should** be **Primarily** a **Social Service Center**

**WHEN** Jesus had **COMPASSION** on **People**

He **TAUGHT THEM** – **Deep Spiritual Truths**

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***BUT . . . What about the Disciples?***

The **Disciples** – **Are Saying** to each other **right now** -  
***Wait a minute – it's THESE People – AGAIN ??***

**HOW** did ***this Happen?***

We **just** needed a **little REST**

**We've been *Burning The Candle At Both Ends***

We **needed** some **serious R & R**

**WHAT in the world is Jesus Doing?**

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**Jesus** – is **teaching the People** – **Spiritual Truths**  
**because** he **Had Compassion** on them

**BUT . . .** the **Disciples** were **Probably KICKIN ROCKS**

& **Mumblin**g to each other – **about how**  
**this** whole “**Servin**g Jesus Thing” is just **NOT FAIR**

& **they** had **NO IDEA** – Just **HOW - UNFAIR**  
**THIS** was **ABOUT to GET**

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**Because Now** - it was **getting late** in the **day**

& the **Disciples** **SAW their CHANCE**  
To **Get some** of that **REST - they deserved**

**Mark 6:35-36 (NLT)**

***35 Late in the afternoon his disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late.***

***36 Send the crowds away so they can go to the nearby farms and villages and buy something to eat.”***



**Do you sense a bit  
of "AN EDGE" in the Disciples Words?**

***Jesus, we came to get some Rest, Right?***

***& We've been putting up with all your "Ministry Stuff"  
day - after day - after day***

***"Can we just get a break already?"***

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**So - (w/ a bit of an attitude)**

The Disciples TELL Jesus  
to send crowds away for dinner

**& then we read in Mark 6:37(a) (NLT)  
*37 But Jesus said, "You feed them" . . .***

The "YOU" in Emphatic & Imperative -  
it's a stern & direct command !

**WHHHAAATTT ???**

***Did Jesus just tell US - to Feed - ALL these people?  
OH NO HE DID NOT !!!***

**WHAT Exactly Does He EXPECT US  
to FEED all these people - WITH?**

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**Guy – Listen to me Please**

**Every Day,**

in **Every Circumstance** - & in **Every Situation**

**Those** who are **Following** & **Serving** Jesus

**MUST KNOW**

**Jesus** – Is **Their Source** - for **ALL** that **they need**

**TO DO** – **ALL** that He has **Called them TO DO**

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& So - **Jesus** - **RIGHT HERE** – is **DEMANDING** that **His Disciples**  
**Do Something** – **that is IMPOSSIBLE**

**Fortunately** - The **Apostle John** (in his gospel)  
**adds Some Commentary** – Right here

**In John's account here – John 6:6 says (NLT)**

***6 He was testing [them], for he already knew what he was going to do.***

**Oh . . . IT'S a test . . . IT'S a test man!!**

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**But the Disciples**

**DIDN'T KNOW** - it was a test

**Because** they didn't have

**John's Gospel** to explain it

**& so – they REACT to Jesus – in Mark 6:37(b) (NLT)**

**37 . . . (Jesus says, YOU feed them) “With what?” they asked.**

**“We'd have to work for months to earn enough money to buy food for all these people!”**

**The Disciples** – Are **FLABBERGASTED**

& **More than** a Little **DISRESPECTFUL**

**I THINK** the **Disciples** are saying

***Jesus - This isn't HOW this is Supposed to WORK***

***This isn't HOW ANY of this is Supposed to WORK***

***& THIS is the Last Straw!***

***We CAN'T Feed these people – No Matter What We Do***

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& so **Jesus** (*In his GRACE*) **CONTINUES** the **TEST**

& - **THIS** is a **TEST**

That **Applies** to **Every One of us** – who **Call** Jesus **LORD**

**Mark 6:38(a) (NLT)**

**38 “How much bread do you have?” he asked. “Go and find out” .  
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**This is IT – You could Easily SNAP – Right Here**

***Seriously? Now Jesus wants us  
to wander thru this stadium crowd***

**asking everyone . . . *Excuse me, did you happen to bring 5,000  
sandwiches with you today?***

**This was HUMILIATING - in a PRIDE BREAKING sort of way**

**& Maybe YOU’D just WALK AWAY from it all - right then**

***“I was in, I was serving the Lord, I was right with him,  
Until he asked me to do something CRAZY”***

***“I mean, THAT was IT, when He asked me to do THAT,  
I had had enough”***

***“I went back to doing things MY OWN WAY***

***Because Jesus wasn’t even - MAKIN ANY SENSE”***

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**Buuutttt – it was A TEST !**

***It was A TEST – MAN!! - - - & YOU WALKED AWAY ??***

**Do you Know what COULD HAVE Happened**

**If you Would Have Just PRESSED Thru the Test?**

**If you Would Have Just TRUSTED Jesus ?**

**& instead - You GAVE UP ???**

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**Fortunately – the Disciples**

**DID NOT – GIVE UP**

**Altho they were Most Probably – NOT HAPPY**

They **STILL DID** what Jesus **Asked**

**Because Jesus was STILL Their LORD**

**They STILL DID what Jesus Asked**

**Because Jesus was STILL Their LORD**

**So – Cont'g in Mark 6:38(b) (NLT)**

***38 . . . They came back and reported, “We have five loaves of bread and two fish.”***

**That's IT Jesus – THAT'S ALL we Found**

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**& Then – The TEST - Continues**

**Mark 6:39 says (NLT)**

**39 Then Jesus told the disciples to have the people sit down in groups on the green grass.**

**WHAT?? – Another test?? . . . YEAH, Another Test**

The **Disciples** were at their **wits-end** from **Ministry**

They **had** a **Glimmer of hope** – that they **might** get **some Rest**

**Instead Jesus** tells them to **feed 5,000 People**

**& They CRACK – Momentarily**

But **then** they **Obey** - & **find a boy** with a **Sack Lunch**

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**& now** – with the **Disciples holding - One Kid's SACK LUNCH**

**Jesus** tells **them**

To **SIT 5,000 People** down – **TO EAT !!**

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Now - **THIS** - is an **ADMIN NIGHTMARE**

**The Disciples** are **EXHAUSTED**

They're **STRETCHED Thin**

**They're** on their **LAST NERVE**

& Jesus says – Now, go  
sit 5,000 people down in Orderly GROUPS

SO THAT you can feed them  
with One Boy's - Left-Over School Lunch!

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IT'S A TEST – Man !!

But listen - it's a Test – to PROVE SOMETHING  
to these poor, weary Disciples

This is a TEST to PROVE  
that Jesus is their SOURCE – for ALL that they need

In EVERY Situation – that He Puts Them IN  
No Matter how Overwhelming – IT SEEMS

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So – the Disciples were Still  
Staggering from Fatigue

They're Trying their Best  
Not to GRUMBLE - (at least out loud)

& - to their Credit – they just KEPT ON . . . OBEYING

**& Mark 6:40 says (NLT)**

***40 So they sat (the people) down in groups of fifty or a hundred.***

***Ok Jesus – We don't know WHY***

***But we just sat a STADIUM full of people***

***Down in nice equal Groups***

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**& NOW . . . *Finally* - - COMES The LESSON**

**The Lesson - That Jesus Christ**

**is the Absolute SOURCE – For ALL that we NEED !!**

**IN Order TO DO – All that He Calls us TO DO**

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**Mark 6:41(a) (NLT)**

***41 Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them . . .***

**Being Jewish**

**Jesus may well have given**

**the Traditional Jewish Blessing for the Bread**

**& So – I learned it for you → → →**



**Barukh ata Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha'olam hamotzi lehem min ha'aretz.**

*Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.*

**Mark 6:41(b) (NLT)**

**41 . . . Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, he KEPT GIVING the bread to the disciples so they could distribute it to the people. He also divided the fish for everyone to share.**

**& JESUS – BECAME the SOURCE  
of ALL that the Disciples Needed**

**In order TO DO – ALL that Jesus Called them TO DO**

**& the Phrase - “Kept Giving” (v.41) - is the correct translation  
It's in the Greek Imperfect Tense**

**Jesus KEPT GIVING, & Kept Giving, & Kept Giving  
Until he Gave ALL that the Disciples needed**

**He Became the SOURCE  
of ALL that the Disciples Needed**

**In order for them TO DO  
ALL that He Called them TO DO**

## Guys – Listen to me Please

### Jesus Is Our Source

For ALL that we need

in order to TO DO

All that He has called us TO DO

in Every Circumstance – In Every Situation  
no matter how Overwhelming it looks

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& - to WHAT EXTENT is Jesus the SOURCE?

### Mark 6:42-44 says (NLT)

**42** *They* (the people) *all ate as much as they wanted,*  
**43** *and afterward, the disciples (who were still working) **picked up***  
*twelve baskets of leftover bread and fish.*  
**44** *A total of 5,000 men and their families were fed.*

### Jesus Became the SOURCE

For ALL that the Disciples Needed

In order for them TO DO

ALL that He Called them TO DO

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**HOW??** - - HOW can **WE BEGIN**

**LIVING this Way** with **Jesus**

**FIRST OF ALL**

**You have** to - **Throw Out** - **ALL Your OWN LOGIC**  
***Because Your THINKING – Is STINKING***

**No Matter HOW** you **FEEL**

Keep **Serving Jesus**

Keep **Obeying Jesus**

Keep **your EYES Firmly Fixed - on Jesus**

**WALK CLOSER** - With Him

**ABIDE DEEPER** - In Him

**CLING MORE TIGHTLY** - To Him

& then - **WATCH** what Jesus **WILL DO**

**In Your** - **Seemingly Hopeless Situation**

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**If you** are a **Christ-Follower TODAY**

**Jesus Is The Source**

For **ALL** that **you need**

**in order to DO**

**All** that **He has called you TO DO**

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In Order to Start LIVING

Like you Truly Believe That

Keep **Serving**

Keep **Obeying**

Keep **your EYES Firmly Fixed - on Jesus**

**WALK CLOSER** - With Him

**ABIDE DEEPER** - In Him

**CLING MORE TIGHTLY** - To Him

& **WATCH** Jesus **BECOME**  
**THE SOURCE** For **ALL** that **you NEED**

**in order to DO**

**All** that **He has called you TO DO**

**Let's Pray**