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THE GOSPEL IN ACTION

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"...otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, *then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God...*"

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# Mark 6:30-34

# I. Provider of Rest (30-34)

The Disciples return **EXCITED**  
about all that God has done on  
their mission!

# I. Provider of Rest (30-34)

A large group of people has gathered around Jesus... not a crowd (ochlos), but many people (polloi). Perhaps this is Mark's way of showing they are truly interested in *following* Jesus.

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A mixed crowd... some true followers... and some who just want a miracle. Yet Jesus responds to the crowd with **COMPASSION.**

# I. Provider of Rest (30-34)

Sheep without a shepherd... see Numbers 27:17, Ezekiel 34. God promises that He Himself will be their Shepherd... and now Jesus comes to Provide for them in this way!

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# Mark 6:35-44

## **II. Provider of Sustenance (35-44)**

**A contrast between Herod's  
banquet and the banquet given by  
Jesus!**

## II. Provider of Sustenance (35-44)

A problem arises... too many people, and not enough food. Rather than RESOLVE the dilemma, Jesus intensifies it (You give them something to eat).

## **II. Provider of Sustenance (35-44)**

**Discipleship Principle: Growth happens in TENSION. (Will we trust in Jesus or look for our own solution?)**

## II. Provider of Sustenance (35-44)

As we disciples others, do we GIVE them all the answers to relieve any tension? Or do we ask questions to create tension (and growth opportunity)?

## **II. Provider of Sustenance (35-44)**

Jesus is not focused on what they DON'T have (200 denarii). He is focused on what they DO have (5 loaves and 2 fish).

## II. Provider of Sustenance (35-44)

Seating the crowd on the green grass in groups of 50 and 100...  
what's the purpose here?

Psalm 23, Exodus 18... Jesus is our Shepherd, and the God who PROVIDES!

## **II. Provider of Sustenance (35-44)**

**5000 MEN (andros)... likely up to 20,000 people in the crowd. Capernaum and Bethsaida only have 2000-3000 residents... further proof that the Disciples have brought people back from their mission!**

The background features a circular, light-colored illustration. It depicts a dramatic scene of a stormy sea. In the foreground, a large, curling wave is shown with fine lines representing water texture. A boat is visible in the middle ground, partially obscured by the wave. In the background, another boat is visible with three crosses on its mast, suggesting a religious or historical context. The overall style is that of a traditional woodcut or engraving, rendered in a very light, almost ghostly tone.

# Mark 6:45-52

### **III. Provider of Protection (45-52)**

Why does Jesus rush the disciples away? John 6:15... the crowd wanted to make Jesus their KING by force. (The disciples are already susceptible to this type of thinking).

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Every time Jesus prays in Mark, He resists the temptation to be the kind of King the world wants Him to be... and He commits to being the sacrifice for sin that God calls Him to be. (1:35, 6:46, 14:32-42)

### **III. Provider of Protection (45-52)**

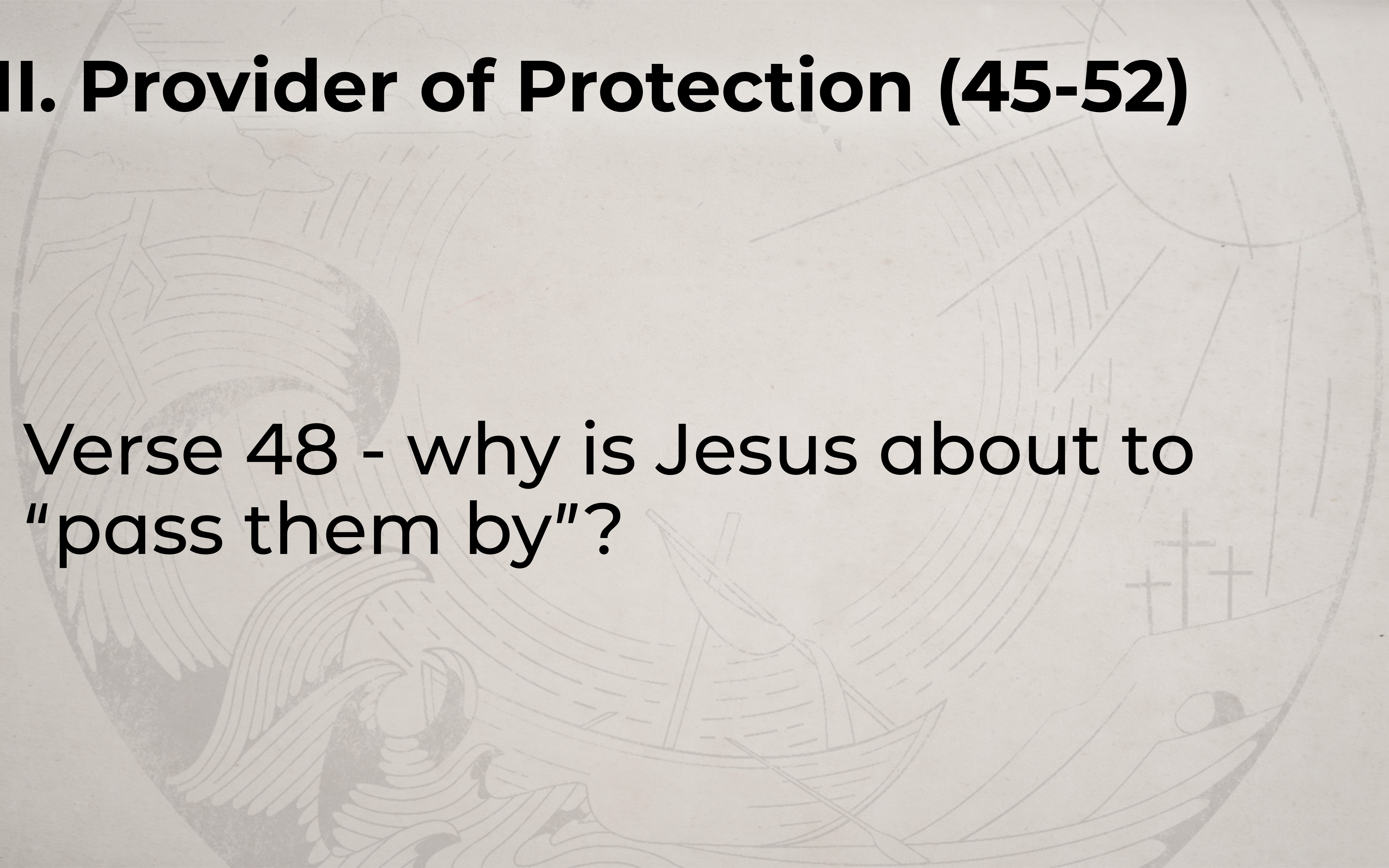
For Jesus to walk on water is a clear demonstration that HE IS GOD. He walks where God walks. (Job 9:8, Psalm 77:19)

### **III. Provider of Protection (45-52)**

It is I... ego emi (I AM). The very name of God which was revealed to Moses in Exodus 3:14. (Jesus making a God claim)

# III. Provider of Protection (45-52)

Verse 48 - why is Jesus about to "pass them by"?



### **III. Provider of Protection (45-52)**

The Glory of God was so intense that humans could not fully experience it and live. The best God could do was "pass by" and show them a GLIMPSE of His Glory.  
(Exodus 33, 1 Kings 19)

### III. Provider of Protection (45-52)

"God alone stretches out the heavens and *treads on the waves of the sea*. When He *passes by me*, I cannot see Him; when He *goes by*, I cannot perceive Him." Job 9:8, 11

### **III. Provider of Protection (45-52)**

Let's make sure we catch the point...

Jesus is the God they can **SEE**. No longer is God's Glory hidden.

Instead of passing by, Jesus **GETS IN THE BOAT!**

### III. Provider of Protection (45-52)

The storms of life reveal our self-sufficiency for what it is... self-INSUFFICIENCY. Yet, when we reach the end of ourselves, we find Jesus *in the boat with us!*

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# Mark 6:53-56

## **IV. Provider of Healing (53-56)**

Taken together, these stories demonstrate that Jesus provides **ALL THAT WE NEED.**

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The final word of chapter 6... **SOZO** (healed, but also **SAVED**). To reach for the fringe of the robe shows **FAITH**... the very thing that **SAVES**.

# **Conclusion: Some Trust in Chariots...**

**Like 21st Century Americans with two refrigerators, Israel was always tempted to trust in themselves to provide.**

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**"Some trust in chariots and  
some in horses, but we trust in  
the name of the Lord our God!"**

**Psalms 20:7**



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