

# The Gospel of Mark – Near to God

Mark 6:14-6:56 April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## Mark 6:30-32

Jesus knows... knows what? Yes... He knows and HE CARES

Jesus knows they needed a break... the short-term trip was WILD and DEMANDING!!!

## The Lord knows what you need... and cares

There are 4 different situations or settings in which the Lord meets people.

1. Soul Food - Spiritual Food
2. Daily Needs
3. Straining in the storm
4. Physical Issues

## To be a disciple of Jesus is to be surrendered to His will and His ways.

*Jesus didn't join them; THEY joined Jesus.*

Q: Am I living my life from the perspective of,

1. Lord, you need to help me with this. Or...
2. Lord, what do you want me to do with this?

**Side note:** There are leadership and ministry lessons, but those are secondary. The primary reason these have been preserved in the Bible from God and for us is to reveal His nature.

## 1. - Spiritual Food First

Mark 6:33-34 *This is why I came*

### SOUL FOOD FIRST?

- **Amusement** – Entertainment, hobbies (Backpacking Bible) Media, and movies.  
Proverbs 4:26 - Ponder the path of your feet, and let all your ways be established
- **Mind** – podcasts, tactics and strategies, news and global updates?
- **Body** – Food and exercise over prayer and Bible?

**1 Timothy 4:8 For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.**

### Dealing with fear and insecurity

**Matthew 6:25c ... Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?**

### Warring against the Devil

**Luke 4:4 But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.' "**

Leader Notes:

\*Opportunity comes with Responsibility

TEACH THEM... NOW TEND TO THEM.

**But They Are Hungry... yes, the physical needs too. –**

**Mark 6:35-44**

- *People have limits and limitations, GOD... does not.*
- *When we bring the Lord into it, our limits are not real. (2x)*

**God cares about your daily needs**

*Mark 6 The hour is late, this place is deserted, send them away...*

*Matthew 14:18 He said, "Bring them here to Me."*

*Disciples: Send them away*

*Jesus: Bring them to Me*

**Matthew 6:26 "Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"**

**Read Mark 6:37**

*But He answered and said to them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to Him, "Shall we go and buy bread and give them something to eat?"*

*\*There is a hint of expectation here...*

**200 Denari = ½ a year's wages wouldn't be enough or it would take that much.**

**Mark 10:27 But Jesus looked at them and said, "With men *it is* impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible."**

**Paraphrase vs. 38-40**

God is a God of **order** and **intentionality**.

- Take inventory – how many fish and loaves?
- 50 and 100 – seat them in ranks

**Read Mark 6:41-44**

- **FILLED**
- **12 Baskets**... not 13.
- **Looked up to heaven**...
- **Where do you look when you have a need?**  
*Before anything else... Not tradition. Where do you look with faithful anticipation?*

5,000 men. (Man + Wife + 3-5 kids) 1 Man = 6 people. Jesus fed 30,000 people

**Comical Question: Too hard to believe?**

What? You had the faith to believe 5,000 but not 30,000?

**Leaders/Ministers – Don't send them away.**

**Side note: God's got it. Sometimes we need to find another gear.**

*They were worn out, but they still had more in the tank than they thought.*

### 3. The Strain

Mark 6:45-46-52

Immediately – time to go! (*The crowd wanted to crown Jesus as king*)

The churches in ancient England called their meeting places the Nave. Nave comes from the Latin word for “ship.”

#### Bethsaida

- The hometown of Peter, Andrew, and Philip.
- As well as the launch of Jesus’ ministry

#### The send off

- **He departed to the mountain to pray**
- No Bible is like not eating, you’ll grow weak and feeble
- No prayer is like not breathing; you’ll die

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**He saw them straining...** in the evening in the middle of the sea? Full Passover moon.

- You saw my substance being yet unformed
- Know my days, and words before I speak.
- I have seen and heard their cry
- Incline your ear to my cry

**STRAINING:** Grievous pain, distressed, harassed.

**“Tormented in rowing.”**

***He comes to us when our efforts are not enough.***

**Came to them, would have passed by them.**

God is not affected by the things we are affected by.

**DON’T MISS YOUR MOMENT!!! – THE CALLING CONVICTION TOWARD JESUS.**

All saw Him, and mistook Him – cut them some slack, what would you think?!

**Peter walking on water was not the highlight of the story... at least not for Peter.**

He talked to them, in their fear and fatigue. (Don’t fear Him)

***BE OF GOOD CHEER – IT IS I***

***I’m here... I got you... we are on our way.***

**Jesus is in your boat, right?**

**(51-52)** They were blown away in the storm... hearts were hard and missed the miracle

## ONE MORE – REACHING FOR JESUS

Mark 6:53-56

They make it to the other side... kind of.

Headed TO Bethsaida, make it to GENNESARET (4 Miles strait line)

IT'S JESUS!!!

**ONE MORE – Construction site**

Begged everywhere...

Boise, Star, Parma, Homedale, Fruitland

***May we run throughout our city and bring people to Jesus!!!***

***Pray prayers of faith, deliver the Gospel of grace, go for it!!!***

**Hem: Fringes or tassels, on the four corners of Jewish male tunics**

*Numbers 15:38-40 explains the representation and reminder of God's commandments.*

*Deut. 22:12 – you are to make for yourself twisted cords on the four corners of the garment you wrap around yourself. (Seat seats)*

**Law & Walk = halacha (Hebrew)**

**613 nots = 613 laws of Mosses**

**365 prohibitions (Thou Shalt Not)**

**248 affirmations (Thou Shalt)**

Like hanging your Bible around your neck and walking around

Hanging on the four corners of the outer garment = visible to all, including self.

A daily walk - Reminder to "walk" according to God's righteousness or the ways of God.

**Reaching for His robe was reaching for His righteousness, integrity, power, and godliness.**

If the apostles were dull of understanding, callus to needs from fatigue, yet they were still embraced by Jesus, then maybe we too can look with hope and anticipation toward what God may want to do in our lives. But whatever it is... it must include Jesus.

Not to us, but to Your name be the glory

**Minister the Word to your spirit?**

**Provide today, your daily bread?**

**In the stress and strain, grievous pain and distress?**

**Are you the ONE MORE that needs a touch from heaven?**