

## The Gospel of Mark

### Lesson 6

#### The Miracles of Christ

After Jesus was kicked out of His hometown of Nazareth, He continued to travel to all the other villages in the area of Galilee teaching the gospel. In Mark 6:7-13, He multiplied His ministry by sending the twelve disciples out in pairs. In Mark 6:14-29, the author pivoted to the demise of John the Baptist at the hands of Herod Antipas, and then Mark recorded a series of well known miracles that Jesus did that proved who Jesus is.

#### Read Mark 6:30-56

1. What was the original intention of their destination in Mark 6:31-32? What did they see when they arrived in verse 34?
2. What did the multitude of people remind Jesus of, and how did He feel about them (6:34)? Why did Jesus include His disciples in doing this great miracle (John 6:5-6)?
3. Based on the number of adult men in Mark 6:44, add a factor for women and children and come up with how big the multitude really was. For distribution purposes, how did He divide them up (Mark 6:39-40)?
4. If Jesus used the 12 disciples to deliver the bread and fish carried in 12 large baskets to groups of fifty people, how many trips did it take to distribute the food to all the people? How many trips back and forth from Jesus to the people would it take for you to answer, "Where do we go and who do we trust to enable us to meet the needs of people entrusted to us?" (Mark 6:41-43)
5. Who did the crowd perceive Jesus to be, and what job did they want Him to have based on John's account in Jn 6:15? What was Jesus' response (Jn 6:15, Mark 6:45-46)?

6. If the disciples set out to sea at about sundown and the 4<sup>th</sup> watch is about 3am, how long were they out there straining against the wind (Mark 6:46-48)? Who was watching them from the mountain (v 46-48)?
  
7. At their time of need when they were exhausted, what did Jesus do (Mark 6:48-50)? What was their initial reaction?
  
8. What details involving Simon Peter did Matthew's account add to this story (Matt 14:28-31)? What caused Peter to become afraid and "begin to sink" (Matt 14:30-31)?
  
9. What was the miracle that climaxed this miracle in Mark 6:51? What was the reaction of the disciples (Mark 6:51-52, Matt 14:33)?
  
10. What similar miracle to the feeding of the 5000 did Jesus do for a different number of people at a different place (Decapolis), and at a later time (Mark 8:1-9)?