
Jesus: Who is this Man?

The Gospel of Mark



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Feeding of the 5000

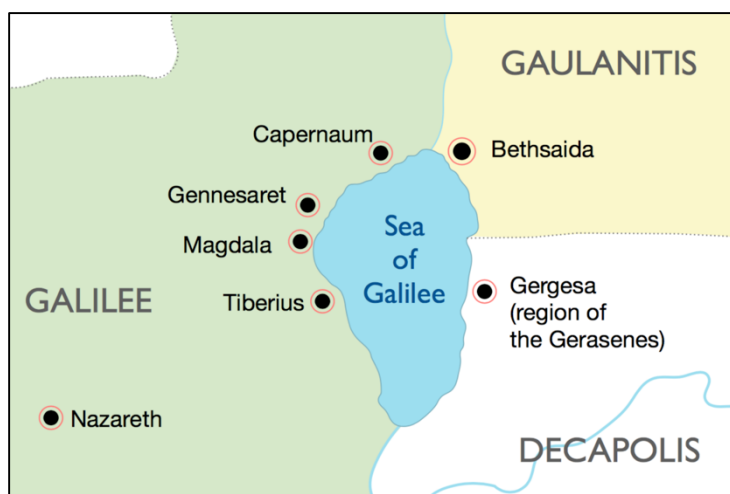
Mark 6:30-44; John 6:22-48

Mark 6:30-44: The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. ³¹ Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

³² So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. ³³ But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

³⁵ By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late. ³⁶ Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat."

³⁷ But he answered, "You give them something to eat."



They said to him, "That would take more than half a year's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?"

³⁸ "How many loaves do you have?" he asked. "Go and see."

When they found out, they said, "Five—and two fish."

³⁹ Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. ⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² They all ate and were satisfied, ⁴³ and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. ⁴⁴ The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

In another gospel (John 6:22-48) we read what happened the following day:

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The next day the crowd that had stayed on the opposite shore of the lake realized that only one boat had been there, and that Jesus had not entered it with his disciples, but that they had gone away alone.²³ Then some boats from Tiberias landed near the place where the people had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks.²⁴ Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

²⁶ Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill.²⁷ Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."

²⁸ Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?"

²⁹ Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

³⁰ So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?"³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

³² Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.

³³ For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

³⁴ "Sir," they said, "always give us this bread."

³⁵ Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.³⁶ But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe.³⁷ All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.³⁸ For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day.⁴⁰ For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

⁴¹ At this the Jews there began to grumble about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven."⁴² They said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of

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Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven?'"

⁴³ "Stop grumbling among yourselves," Jesus answered. ⁴⁴ "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me. ⁴⁶ No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. (NIV)

Questions

A. True or False

1. Jesus wanted his disciples to get some rest. _____
2. Jesus was angry that the large crowds found him. _____
3. The disciples said they didn't have enough money to feed the crowds. _____
4. Jesus fed the crowds with six fish that his disciples had caught. _____
5. The crowds wondered how Jesus got to the other side of the lake. _____
6. Jesus called himself the Bread of Life. _____

B. Vocabulary

Match the following words with their meanings. Write the correct letter on the line.

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| _____1. solitary place | a. to complain |
| _____2. compassion | b. money that is earned |
| _____3. remote | c. special food that God had provided for Moses and his people |
| _____4. wages | d. a kind feeling |
| _____5. seal of approval | e. a place where there were no people |
| _____6. manna | f. a distant place |
| _____7. grumble | g. something that is officially agreed upon |

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C. Fill in the Blanks with the vocabulary words above

1. The people _____ when they didn't like what Jesus was saying.
2. Jesus said that he had God's _____.
3. The people said that their ancestors ate _____ in the wilderness.
4. Jesus and the disciples went by boat to a _____.
5. Jesus felt _____ for the hungry crowds.
6. The disciples knew the people couldn't find food in this _____ place.
7. It would cost more than half a year's _____ to feed the crowd.

Discussion

Beginners

1. Where were the disciples going in the boat?
2. What did Jesus feel when he saw the crowds?
3. What did Jesus want his disciples to do?
4. What did Jesus do with the bread and fish?
5. What is surprising about the leftovers?
6. What did the crowds want the next day?
7. What did Jesus say about the bread of life?
8. Do you think the crowds understood him?
9. What did Jesus say about eternal life?

Intermediate

1. Why were the disciples in the boat?
2. What did Jesus feel when he saw the crowds?
3. Why did Jesus ask the disciples to feed the crowds?
4. What did Jesus do with the small amount of food that was given to him?
5. Why is knowing what was left over important?
6. What did the crowds want the next day?
7. What did Jesus mean when he said He is the bread of life?
8. How does someone receive eternal life according to Jesus?
9. Why did the people grumble about this?

Advanced

1. Why were the disciples in the boat?
2. Why did Jesus ask the disciples to feed the crowds?
3. What did Jesus do with the small amount of food that was given to him?
4. Why is knowing what was left over important?
5. Why did the crowds try to find Jesus the next day?

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6. What did Jesus accuse the crowds of wanting from him?
7. Why did the crowds want Jesus to give them a sign?
8. What did Jesus mean when he said He is the bread of life?
9. How does someone receive eternal life according to Jesus?
10. Why did the people grumble about this?