

“The Feeding of About 5000 Men”

Mark 6:35-44

Introduction

- I. The setting for this account is west of the Sea of Galilee near Bethsaida (Luke 9:10).
- II. Bethsaida was home to Philip, Peter and Andrew.
- III. Instead of going there and finding rest, a large multitude followed.
- IV. All four Gospel accounts refer to this incident.

Discussion

- I. This event helps us to understand the service of Jesus.
 - A. Jesus cared about people (Mark 6:34; Luke 9:11; Matt. 14:14; John 5:36; 6:2).
 - B. Jesus cared about teaching (John 6:45; 7:16).
- II. This event helps us to understand the way God thinks.
 - A. The thoughts of the apostles (Matt. 14:15; Mark 6:35; Luke 9:12).
 - B. The thoughts of Jesus (John 6:5-6; Matt. 14:16; Mark 6:37; Luke 9:13).
 - C. The reply of the apostles (Mark 6:37-38; John 6:7; Matt. 14:17; Luke 9:13)
 - D. Andrew's vocal question (John 6:9).
 - E. Nothing is too hard for God (Prov. 3:5-6).
- III. This event helps us to understand the strength of the Lord.
 - A. The people were seated (Matt. 14:19; Mark 6:39-40; Luke 9:14).
 - B. Jesus is thankful, which is a great lesson for us to learn (John 6:11; Matt. 14:19; Mark 6:41; Luke 9:16).
 - C. Jesus was able to provide for every person (Matt. 14:20; Mark 6:42; Luke 9:17; John 6:11-12).
 1. Matthew 10:29-31
 2. Romans 8:32
 - D. There was more after the feeding than there was before (Matt. 14:20; Mark 6:43; Luke 9:17).
 - E. A lesson is learned that nothing was to be wasted (John 6:12).

Conclusion

- I. The life of Jesus is a great study.
- II. Looking at how He handled one situation shows us important facts.
 - A. The service of Jesus
 - B. The way God thinks
 - C. The strength of the Lord