

Mark 6:30-44 **Apostles Return and Report – Withdrawal for Rest – 5,000 Fed**

30 Then the apostles gathered to Jesus and told Him all things, both what they had done and what they had taught.

31 And He said to them, "Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat. 32 So they departed to a deserted place in the boat by themselves.

33 But the multitudes saw them departing, and many knew Him and ran there on foot from all the cities. They arrived before them and came together to Him. 34 And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things.

35 When the day was now far spent, His disciples came to Him and said, "This is a deserted place, and already the hour is late. 36 Send them away, that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy themselves bread; for they have nothing to eat." 37 But He answered and said to them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to Him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give them something to eat?"

38 But He said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they found out they said, "Five, and two fish." 39 Then He commanded them to make them all sit down in groups on the green grass. 40 So they sat down in ranks, in hundreds and in fifties. 41 And when He had taken the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to His disciples to set before them; and the two fish He divided among them all. 42 So they all ate and were filled. 43 And they took up twelve baskets full of fragments and of the fish. 44 Now those who had eaten the loaves were about five thousand men. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✚ The Twelve Apostles had been sent out to preach the message of the Kingdom of Heaven, and Jesus had given them power to heal all manner of disease and sickness, and power to cast out demons. [Mark 6:7-13, Matthew 10:1-42, Luke 9:1-6]
- ✚ Now they have returned and reported to Jesus all the things they had done and taught. [Mark 6:30, Luke 9:10]
- ✚ Passover Feast is nearing. [John 6:4]
- ✚ Now it is time to take a break in a place of solitude, away from the crush of the Multitude who were pressing in for their own needs so much so, that the Apostles could not even find time to eat. [Mark 6:31, Luke 9:10]
 - ✧ The place they selected was a wilderness place belonging to the city of Bethsaida. [Luke 9:10]
- ✚ They traveled to the site by boat. [Mark 6:32, John 6:1]

The Multitude followed on foot

- ✚ When the multitudes, who knew about all the miracles Jesus had been doing, heard that He was heading to a deserted place by boat, they rushed on foot to meet Him at the point of His destination. [Mark 6:33, Matthew 14:13, Luke 9:11, John 6:2]
 - ✧ People were so eager to take advantage of Jesus Who had the ability to meet their physical need, they were not mindful that He Himself had a need for His own solitude.
 - ✧ The need and press of the multitude can quickly become overwhelming.

Out of compassion, Jesus ministered to the multitude

✚ when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, healed their sick, and taught them many things pertaining to the Kingdom of God. [Mark 6:34, Matthew 14:14, Luke 9:11, John 6:2]

✧ The demonstration of a compassionate heart is when Jesus had His own need, yet He placed to the needs of the multitude ahead of His Own.

Jesus fed 5,000 men + all the women and children [Mark 6:35-44, Matthew 14:15-21, Luke 9:12-17, John 6:5-9]

✚ When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food."

✧ The disciples were realistic and knew that they had not planned for such a crowd so they had no food for them all, and it was getting late in the evening.

✧ They recommended that the multitude be sent away so they could find provisions for themselves.

✚ Jesus took this occasion to demonstrate His likeness with Yehowah of the Old Testament Who provided bread for the Children of Israel for 40 years in the wilderness when He brought them out of Egypt to the Promised Land, again fulfilling Scripture. [Psalm 78:24-25, 105:40-41, Exodus 16:4, 35, Nehemiah 9:15]

✧ This then becomes more evidence as to the identity of Jesus as Yehowah God of Israel.

✧ Jesus said, "They do not need to go away, you give them something to eat."

✧ There were only five loaves and two fish in the crowd. [John 6:9]

✧ Looking up to Heaven, Jesus blessed and broke the five loaves and two fish and gave to the disciples to distribute to the multitude.

✧ By looking up to Heaven, Jesus pointed to the source of the miracle, giving all the glory to God the Father in Heaven. [Mark 6:41, Matthew 14:19, Luke 9:16, John 6:11-12]

✧ Those that had eaten were about 5,000 men besides all the woman and children. [Mark 6:44, Matthew 14:21, Luke 9:14, John 6:10]

✧ If there was only one woman and one child with each man, then the multitude had to number at least 15,000 people.

✧ From five loaves and two fish, Jesus fed the multitude and after they were all filled and satisfied, there were still twelve baskets full of fragments that remained. [Mark 6:42-43, Matthew 14:20, Luke 9:17, John 6:13]

✧ The miracle demonstrated that Jesus had full support from the Father in Heaven and from the Holy Spirit.

✧ The people said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world." [John 6:14, Deuteronomy 18:15]

✚ After Jesus fed the 5,000, the people wanted to take Him by force and make Him king. [John 6:15]