

Galilean Districts Ministry—Feeding of the 5,000 (Nisan [April] 32)

Matthew 14:13–21	Mark 6:30–44	Luke 9:10–17	John 6:1–13
<p>The Disciples Return</p>	<p>30 And the apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus, and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught.</p>	<p>10a And the apostles, when they were returned, told him all that they had done.</p>	
<p>Jesus Relocates 13a When Jesus heard <i>of it</i>, [about John’s death]</p> <p>he departed thence by ship into a desert place apart:</p>	<p>31 And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat. 32 And they departed into a desert place by ship privately.</p>	<p>10b And he took them, and went aside privately into a desert place belonging to the city called Bethsaida.</p>	<p>1 After these things Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is <i>the sea</i> of Tiberias.</p>
<p>The Crowds Follow 13b and when the people had heard <i>thereof</i>, they followed him on foot out of the cities.</p>	<p>33 And the people saw them departing, and many knew him, and ran afoot thither out of all cities, and outwent them, and came together unto him.</p>	<p>11a And the people, when they knew <i>it</i>, followed him:</p>	<p>2 And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased.</p>
<p>Jesus Has Compassion 14 And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them,</p> <p>and he healed their sick.</p>	<p>34 And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.</p>	<p>11b and he received them, and spake unto them of the kingdom of God, and healed them that had need of healing.</p>	
<p>“The hour is late”</p> <p>15 And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the</p>	<p>35 And when the day was now far spent, his disciples came unto him, and said, This is a desert place, and now the time <i>is</i> far passed: 36 Send them away, that they may go into the</p>	<p>12 And when the day began to wear away, then came the twelve, and said unto him,</p> <p>Send the multitude away, that they may go into the</p>	<p>3 And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples. 4 And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh. 5a When Jesus then lifted up <i>his eyes</i>, and saw a great company come unto him,</p>

<p>villages, and buy themselves victuals.</p>	<p>country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread: for they have nothing to eat.</p>	<p>towns and country round about, and lodge, and get victuals: for we are here in a desert place.</p>	
<p>Jesus Tests His Disciples 16 But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat.</p> <p>17 And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes.</p> <p>18 He said, Bring them hither to me.</p>	<p>37 He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat.</p> <p>And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat? 38 He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes.</p>	<p>13 But he said unto them, Give ye them to eat.</p> <p>And they said, We have no more but five loaves and two fishes; except we should go and buy meat for all this people.</p>	<p>5b he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? 6 And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do. 7 Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little.</p> <p>8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him, 9 There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?</p>
<p>Jesus Feeds the Crowd 19 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to <i>his</i> disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.</p> <p>20 And they did all eat, and were filled:</p>	<p>39 And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass. 40 And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties.</p> <p>41 And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave <i>them</i> to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all. 42 And they did all eat, and were filled.</p>	<p>14b And he said to his disciples, Make them sit down by fifties in a company. 15 And they did so, and made them all sit down. 16 Then he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed them, and brake, and gave to the disciples to set before the multitude.</p> <p>17 And they did eat, and were all filled:</p>	<p>10a And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down,</p> <p>11 And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would. 12 When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.</p>

and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full.	43 And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes.	and there was taken up of fragments that remained to them twelve baskets.	13 Therefore they gathered <i>them</i> together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.
21 And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children.	44 And they that did eat of the loaves were about five thousand men.	14a For they were about five thousand men.	10b in number about five thousand.

Galilean Districts Ministry—The Crowd Wants a King (Nisan [April] 32)

Matthew 14:22–23	Mark 6:45–46	John 6:14–15
22 And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away. 23 And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.	45 And straightway he constrained his disciples to get into the ship, and to go to the other side before unto Bethsaida, while he sent away the people. 46 And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray.	14 Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world. [cf. Deut 18:15, 18] 15 When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone.

Galilean Districts Ministry—Jesus Walks on the Water (Nisan [April] 32)

Matthew 14:24–33	Mark 6:47–52	John 6:16–21
24 But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary. 25 And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. 26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.	47 And when even was come, the ship was in the midst of the sea, and he alone on the land. 48 And he saw them toiling in rowing; for the wind was contrary unto them: and about the fourth watch of the night he cometh unto them, walking upon the sea, and would have passed by them. 49 But when they saw him walking upon the sea, they supposed it had been a spirit, and cried out: 50 For they all saw him, and were troubled.	16 And when even was <i>now</i> come, his disciples went down unto the sea, 17 And entered into a ship, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was now dark, and Jesus was not come to them. 18 And the sea arose by reason of a great wind that blew. 19 So when they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they see Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the ship: and they were afraid.

<p>27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.</p> <p>28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.</p> <p>29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.</p> <p>30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.</p> <p>31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth <i>his</i> hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?</p> <p>32 And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.</p> <p>33 Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.</p>	<p>And immediately he talked with them, and saith unto them, Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid.</p> <p>51 And he went up unto them into the ship; and the wind ceased:</p> <p>and they were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure, and wondered.</p> <p>52 For they considered not <i>the miracle</i> of the loaves: for their heart was hardened.</p>	<p>20 But he saith unto them, It is I; be not afraid.</p> <p>21 Then they willingly received him into the ship: and immediately the ship was at the land whither they went.</p>
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Galilean Districts Ministry—Healings at Gennesaret (Nisan [April] 32)

Matthew 14:34–36	Mark 6:53–56
<p>34 And when they were gone over, they came into the land of Gennesaret.</p> <p>35 And when the men of that place had knowledge of him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased;</p> <p>36 And besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole.</p>	<p>53 And when they had passed over, they came into the land of Gennesaret, and drew to the shore.</p> <p>54 And when they were come out of the ship, straightway they knew him,</p> <p>55 And ran through that whole region round about, and began to carry about in beds those that were sick, where they heard he was.</p> <p>56 And whithersoever he entered, into villages, or cities, or country, they laid the sick in the streets, and besought him that they might touch if it were but the border of his garment: and as many as touched him were made whole.</p>

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Textual Notes

1) Concerning “to Bethsaida” in Mark 6:45.¹

- A) “The text is attested by the great majority of witnesses, but it creates the difficulty that Bethsaida was on the northeast shore of the lake, in the region where the feeding took place according to Luke 9:10, not on “the other side.” It is better to accept the Caesarean text, which omits ει τὸ πέραν and gives only πρὸς (εἰς) Βηθσαϊδάν: P⁴⁵ W λ q sy⁵. For a defense of the primitiveness of this reading see L. Vaganay, “Mk 6:45,” *RB* 49 (1940), pp. 5–32. The longer reading of Mark appears to be a conflated variant reuniting the shorter reading supported by the Caesarean text with the different reading of Matthew 14:22. Mark evidently uses εἰς τὸ πέραν to indicate a change of location by boat where the destination of the voyage is unspecified (cf. Chs. 4:35; 5:21; 8:13 with 6:32, 53; 8:10) or quite general (Ch. 5:1). See further C. C. McCown, ‘The Problem of the Site of Bethsaida,’ *JPOS* 10 (1930): 32–58; J. O’Hara, ‘Two Bethsaidas or One?’ *Scripture* 15 (1963): 24–27.”

¹ William L. Lane, “The Gospel According to Mark,” *NICOT* (Eerdmans, 1974), p. 234 n. 111.