

## 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><b>The Disciples Return</b></p>	<p>30 And the apostles regathered to Jesus and reported to him everything that they had done and that they had taught.</p>	<p>10 And <i>when they</i> returned, the apostles described to him all that they had done.</p>	
<p><b>Jesus Relocates</b> 13 Now <i>when</i> Jesus heard <i>it</i>, [about John's death]</p> <p>he withdrew from there in a boat</p> <p>to an isolated place by himself.</p>	<p>31 And he said to them, "You yourselves come privately to an isolated place and rest for a short time." For those <i>who were</i> coming and going were many, and they did not even have time to eat.</p> <p>32 And they went away in the boat</p> <p>to an isolated place by themselves.</p>	<p>And he took them along</p> <p><i>and</i> withdrew privately</p> <p>to a town called Bethsaida.</p>	<p>6:1 After these <i>things</i> Jesus went away</p> <p>to the other side of the sea of Galilee (that is, Tiberias).</p>
<p><b>The Crowds Follow</b> And <i>when</i> the crowds heard <i>it</i>, they followed him by land from the towns.</p>	<p>33 And many <i>people</i> saw them leaving and recognized <i>them</i>, and ran there together by land from all the towns, and arrived ahead of them.</p>	<p>11 But <i>when</i> the crowds found out, they followed him,</p>	<p>2 And a large crowd was following him</p> <p>because they were observing the signs that he was doing on those who were sick.</p>
<p><b>Jesus Has Compassion</b> 14 And <i>as he</i> got out, he saw the large crowd and had compassion on them</p> <p>and healed their sick.</p>	<p>34 And getting out <i>of the boat</i> he saw the large crowd and had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many <i>things</i>.</p>	<p>and welcoming them, he began to speak to them about the kingdom of God, and he cured those who had need of healing.</p>	
<p><b>"The hour is late"</b></p> <p>15 Now</p>	<p>35 And the</p>	<p>12 Now</p>	<p>3 So Jesus went up on the mountain and sat down there with his disciples.</p> <p>4 (Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was near.)</p> <p>5 Then Jesus, when he looked up and saw that a large crowd was coming to him,</p>

<p><i>when it was evening, the disciples came to him saying, “The place is desolate and the hour is late. Release the crowds so that they can go away into the villages and purchase food for themselves.”</i></p>	<p>hour had already become late <i>when</i> his disciples came up to him, saying, “The place is desolate and the hour <i>is</i> already late. 36 Send them away so that they can go into the surrounding farms and villages <i>and</i> purchase something to eat for themselves.”</p>	<p>the day began to be far spent, and the twelve came up <i>and</i> said to him, “Send away the crowd so that they can go into the surrounding villages and farms to obtain lodging and find provisions, because we are here in a desolate place.</p>	
<p><b>Jesus Tests His Disciples</b> 16 But Jesus said to them, “They do not need to go away. You give them <i>something</i> to eat.”</p> <p>17 And they said to him, “We do not have <i>anything</i> here except five loaves and two fish.”</p> <p>18 So he said, “Bring them here to me.”</p>	<p>37 But he answered <i>and</i> said to them, “You give them <i>something</i> to eat.”</p> <p>And they said to him, “Should we go <i>and</i> purchase bread for two hundred denarii and give <i>it</i> to them to eat?”</p> <p>38 And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go look!” And <i>when they</i> found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.”</p>	<p>13 But he said to them, “You give them <i>something</i> to eat!”</p> <p>And they said, “We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless perhaps we go <i>and</i> purchase food for all these people.”</p>	<p>said to Philip, “Where can we buy bread so that these <i>people</i> can eat?” 6 (Now he said this to test him, because he knew what he was going to do.) 7 Philip replied to him, “Two hundred denarii <i>worth of</i> bread would not be enough for them, in order that each one could receive a little.”</p> <p>8 One of his disciples, Andrew the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, 9 “Here is a boy who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are these for so many <i>people</i>?”</p>
<p><b>Jesus Feeds the Crowd</b> 19 And he commanded the crowds to recline for a meal on the grass.</p> <p>Taking the five loaves and the two fish <i>and</i> looking up to heaven, he gave thanks. <i>And after breaking them,</i> he gave the loaves to the disciples,</p>	<p>39 And he ordered them all to recline in groups on the green grass.</p> <p>40 And they reclined in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. 41 And taking the five loaves and the two fish <i>and</i> looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves and gave <i>them</i> to his disciples</p>	<p>14b So he said to his disciples, “Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.”</p> <p>15 And they did so, and had <i>them</i> all sit down. 16 And taking the five loaves and the two fish, <i>and</i> looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them and began giving <i>them</i> to the disciples</p>	<p>10a Jesus said, “Make the people recline.”</p> <p>(Now <i>there</i> was a lot of grass in the place.) So the men reclined, 11 Then Jesus took the bread, <i>and after he</i> had given thanks, he distributed <i>it</i></p>

and the disciples <i>gave them</i> to the crowds.  20 And they all ate and were satisfied,  and they picked up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.  21 Now those who ate were about five thousand men, in addition to women and children.	so that they could set <i>them</i> before them. And he distributed the two fish to <i>them</i> all. 42 And they all ate and were satisfied.  43 And they picked up the broken pieces, twelve baskets full, and of the fish.  44 And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.	to set before the crowd.  17 And <i>they</i> all ate and were satisfied,  and what was left over was picked up by them—twelve baskets of broken pieces.  14a (For there were about five thousand men.)	to those who were reclining—likewise also of the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 And when they were satisfied, he said to his disciples, “Gather the remaining fragments so that nothing is lost.” 13 So they gathered <i>them</i> , and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten. 10b approximately five thousand <i>in</i> number.
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### 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 immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of him to the other side, while he sent away the crowds. 23 And <i>after he</i> sent away the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. So <i>when</i> evening came, he was there alone.	45 And immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he himself dismissed the crowd. 46 And <i>after he</i> had said farewell to them, he went away to the mountain to pray.	14 Now <i>when</i> the people saw the sign that he performed, they began to say, “This one is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world!” [cf. <a href="#">Deut 18:15, 18</a> ] 15 Then Jesus, <i>because he</i> knew that they were about to come and seize him in order to make <i>him</i> king,  withdrew again up the mountain <i>by</i> 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 boat was already many stadia distant from the land, being beaten by the waves, because the wind was against <i>it</i> .	47 And <i>when</i> evening came, the boat was in the middle of the sea and he <i>was</i> alone on the land. 48 And he saw them being beaten in their rowing because the wind was against them.	16 Now when evening came, his disciples went down to the sea. 17 And getting into a boat, they began to go to the other side of the sea, to Capernaum. And it had already become dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them.  18 And the sea began to be stirred up <i>because</i> a strong wind was blowing. 19 Then <i>when they</i> had rowed about twenty-five or thirty stadia,

<p>25 And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea.</p> <p>26 But the disciples, <i>when they</i> saw him walking on the sea,</p> <p>were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear.</p> <p>27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Have courage, I am <i>he</i>! Do not be afraid!”</p> <p>28 And Peter answered him <i>and</i> said, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water!”</p> <p>29 So he said, “Come!” And getting out of the boat, Peter walked on the water and came toward Jesus.</p> <p>30 But <i>when he</i> saw the strong wind, he was afraid. And beginning to sink, he cried out, saying, “Lord, save me!”</p> <p>31 And immediately Jesus extended his hand <i>and</i> caught him and said to him, “<i>You</i> of little faith! Why did you doubt?”</p> <p>32 And <i>when</i> they got into the boat, the wind abated.</p> <p>33 So those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God!”</p>	<p>Around the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea, and he was wanting to pass by them.</p> <p>49 But <i>when</i> they saw him walking on the sea,</p> <p>they thought that it was a ghost, and they cried out.</p> <p>50 For they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke with them and said to them, “Have courage, I am <i>he</i>! Do not be afraid!”</p> <p>51 And</p> <p>he went up with them into the boat, and the wind abated.</p> <p>And they were extraordinarily astounded within themselves,</p> <p>52 because they did not understand concerning the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.</p>	<p>they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were afraid.</p> <p>20 But he said to them, “<i>It is I!</i> Do not be afraid!”</p> <p>21 So they were</p> <p>wanting to take him into the boat,</p> <p>and immediately the boat came to the land to which they were going.</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 <i>after they</i> had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.</p> <p>35 And <i>when</i> the men of that place recognized him, they sent <i>word</i> into that whole surrounding region, and they brought to him all those who were sick.</p> <p>36 And they were imploring him that they might only touch the edge of his cloak, and all those who touched <i>it</i> were cured.</p>	<p>53 And <i>after they</i> had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and anchored <i>there</i>.</p> <p>54 And <i>as</i> they were getting out of the boat, <i>people</i> recognized him immediately.</p> <p>55 They ran about <i>through</i> that whole region and began to carry around those who were sick on stretchers, wherever they heard that he was.</p> <p>56 And wherever he would go, into villages or into towns or to farms, they would put those who were sick in the marketplaces and would implore him that if they could touch even the edge of his cloak. And all those who touched it were healed.</p>

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**Textual Notes**1) Concerning “to Bethsaida” in Mark 6:45.<sup>1</sup>

- 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 εἰ τὸ πέραν and gives only πρὸς (εἰς) Βηθσαϊδάν: P<sup>45</sup> W λ q sy<sup>s</sup>. 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.”

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