

## 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
<b>The Disciples Return</b>	30 The apostles gathered together with Jesus; and they reported to Him all that they had done and taught.	10 When the apostles returned, they gave an account to Him of all that they had done.	
<b>Jesus Relocates</b> 13 Now when Jesus heard <i>about John</i> ,  He withdrew from there in a boat  to a secluded place by Himself;	31 And  He said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while.” (For there were many <i>people</i> coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat.) 32 They went away in the boat  to a secluded place by themselves.	Taking them with Him, He withdrew by Himself  to a city called Bethsaida.	1 After these things Jesus  went away  to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (or Tiberias).
<b>The Crowds Follow</b> and when the people heard <i>of this</i> , they followed Him on foot from the cities.	33 <i>The people</i> saw them going, and many recognized <i>them</i> and ran there together on foot from all the cities, and got there ahead of them.	11 But the crowds were aware of this and followed Him;	2 A large crowd followed Him,  because they saw the signs which He was performing on those who were sick.
<b>Jesus Has Compassion</b> 14 When He went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and felt compassion for them  and healed their sick.	34 When Jesus went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and He felt compassion for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things.	and welcoming them, He <i>began</i> speaking to them about the kingdom of God and curing those who had need of healing.	
<b>“The hour is late”</b>  15 When it was evening, the disciples	35 When it was already quite late, His disciples	12 Now the day was ending, and the twelve	3 Then Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat down with His disciples. 4 Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was near. 5 Therefore Jesus, lifting up His eyes and seeing that a large crowd was coming to Him,

<p>came to Him and said, “This place is desolate and the hour is already late; so send the crowds away, that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”</p>	<p>came to Him and said, “This place is desolate and it is already quite late; 36 send them away so that they may go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.”</p>	<p>came and said to Him,  “Send the crowd away, that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside and find lodging and get something to eat; for here we are 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 They  said to Him, “We have here only five loaves and two fish.”</p> <p>18 And He said, “Bring them here to Me.”</p>	<p>37 But He answered them,  “You give them <i>something</i> to eat!”</p> <p>And they said to Him, “Shall we go and spend two hundred denarii on bread and give them <i>something</i> to eat?” 38 And He said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go look!” And when they 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 and buy food for all these people.”</p>	<p>said to Philip,  “Where are we to buy bread, so that these may eat?” 6 This He was saying to test him, for He Himself knew what He was intending to do. 7 Philip answered Him,  “Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, for everyone to receive a little.”</p> <p>8 One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to Him, 9 “There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are these for so many people?”</p>
<p><b>Jesus Feeds the Crowd</b> 19 Ordering the people to sit down  on the grass,  He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up toward heaven, He blessed <i>the food</i>, and breaking the loaves He gave them to the disciples, and the disciples <i>gave them</i> to the crowds,</p>	<p>39 And He commanded them all to sit down by groups  on the green grass.</p> <p>40 They sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. 41 And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up toward heaven, He blessed <i>the food</i> and broke the loaves and He kept giving <i>them</i> to the disciples to set before them; and He divided up the two fish</p>	<p>14b And He said to His disciples, “Have them sit down <i>to eat</i> in groups of about fifty each.”</p> <p>15 They did so, and had them all sit down. 16 Then He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed them, and broke <i>them</i>, and kept giving <i>them</i> to the disciples to set before the people.</p>	<p>10a Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.”</p> <p>Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down,  11 Jesus then took the loaves, and having given thanks,  He distributed to those who were seated;  likewise also of the fish</p>

<p>20 and they all ate and were satisfied.</p> <p>They picked up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve full baskets.</p> <p>21 There were about five thousand men who ate, besides women and children.</p>	<p>among them all. 42 They all ate and were satisfied,</p> <p>43 and they picked up twelve full baskets of the broken pieces, and also of the fish.</p> <p>44 There were five thousand men who ate the loaves.</p>	<p>17 And they all ate and were satisfied;</p> <p>and the broken pieces which they had left over were picked up, twelve baskets <i>full</i>.</p> <p>14a (For there were about five thousand men.)</p>	<p>as much as they wanted. 12 When they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments so that nothing will be lost." 13 So they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten. 10b in number about five thousand.</p>
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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
<p>22 Immediately He</p> <p>made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of Him to the other side, while He sent the crowds away.</p> <p>23 After He had sent the crowds away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray; and when it was evening, He was there alone.</p>	<p>45 Immediately Jesus</p> <p>made His disciples get into the boat and go ahead of <i>Him</i> to the other side to Bethsaida, while He Himself was sending the crowd away.</p> <p>46 After bidding them farewell, He left for the mountain to pray.</p>	<p>14 Therefore when the people saw the sign which He had performed, they said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world." [cf. <a href="#">Deut 18:15, 18</a>]</p> <p>15 So Jesus, perceiving that they were intending to come and take Him by force to make Him king,</p> <p>withdrew again to the mountain by Himself alone.</p>

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

Matthew 14:24–33	Mark 6:47–52	John 6:16–21
<p>24 But the boat was already a long distance from the land,</p> <p>battered by the waves; for the wind was contrary.</p> <p>25 And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea.</p> <p>26 When the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.</p>	<p>47 When it was evening,</p> <p>the boat was in the middle of the sea, and He was alone on the land.</p> <p>48 Seeing them straining at the oars, for the wind was against them,</p> <p>at about the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea; and He intended to pass by them.</p> <p>49 But when they saw Him walking on the sea, they supposed that it was a ghost, and cried out;</p>	<p>16 Now when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea, 17 and after getting into a boat, they <i>started to</i> cross the sea to Capernaum. It had already become dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them.</p> <p>18 The sea <i>began</i> to be stirred up because a strong wind was blowing. 19 Then, when they had rowed about three or four miles,</p> <p>they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near to the boat;</p>

<p>27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."                  28 Peter said to Him, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."                  29 And He said, "Come!" And Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water and came toward Jesus.                  30 But seeing the wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"                  31 Immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him, and said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"                  32 When they got into the boat, the wind stopped.</p> <p>33 And those who were in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "You are certainly God's Son!"</p>	<p>50 for they all saw Him and were terrified. But immediately He spoke with them and said to them, "Take courage; it is I, do not be afraid."</p> <p>51 Then He got into the boat with them, and the wind stopped;</p> <p>and they were utterly astonished, 52 for they had not gained any insight from the <i>incident of the loaves</i>, but their heart was hardened.</p>	<p>and they were frightened.                  20 But He said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid."</p> <p>21 So they were willing to receive Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at 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 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.</p> <p>35 And when the men of that place recognized Him, they sent <i>word</i> into all that surrounding district and brought to Him all who were sick;</p> <p>36 and they implored Him that they might just touch the fringe of His cloak; and as many as touched <i>it</i> were cured.</p>	<p>53 When they had crossed over they came to land at Gennesaret, and moored to the shore.                  54 When they got out of the boat, immediately <i>the people</i> recognized Him,                  55 and ran about that whole country and began to carry here and there on their pallets those who were sick, to the place they heard He was.                  56 Wherever He entered villages, or cities, or countryside, they were laying the sick in the market places, and imploring Him that they might just touch the fringe of His cloak; and as many as touched it were being cured.</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 ει τὸ πέραν and gives only πρὸς (εἰς) Βηθσαϊδάν: P<sup>45</sup> W λ q sy<sup>s</sup>. For a defense of the

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

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."