

## 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   |
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| <p><b>The Disciples Return</b></p>  | <p>30 Then the apostles gathered around Jesus and told him everything they had done and taught.</p>   | <p>10 When the apostles returned, they told Jesus everything they had done.</p>                      |   |
| <p><b>Jesus Relocates</b><br/>13 Now when Jesus heard this [about John’s death]</p> <p>he went away from there privately in a boat</p> <p>to an isolated place.</p> | <p>31 He said to them, “Come with me privately to an isolated place and rest a while” (for many were coming and going, and there was no time to eat).<br/>32 So they went away by themselves in a boat</p> <p>to some remote place.</p> | <p>Then he took them with him and they withdrew privately</p> <p>to a town called Bethsaida.</p>     | <p>1 After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (also called the Sea of Tiberias).</p>  |
| <p><b>The Crowds Follow</b><br/>But when the crowd heard about it, they followed him on foot from the towns.</p>  | <p>33 But many saw them leaving and recognized them, and they hurried on foot from all the towns and arrived there ahead of them.</p>   | <p>11 But when the crowds found out, they followed him.</p>  | <p>2 A large crowd was following him</p> <p>because they were observing the miraculous signs he was performing on the sick.</p>   |
| <p><b>Jesus Has Compassion</b><br/>14 As he got out he saw the large crowd, and he had compassion on them</p> <p>and healed their sick.</p>                         | <p>34 As Jesus came ashore he saw the large crowd and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd.</p> <p>So he taught them many things.</p>   | <p>He welcomed them, spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and cured those who needed healing.</p> |   |
| <p><b>“The hour is late”</b></p> <p>15 When evening arrived, his disciples came to him saying, “This is an isolated place and the hour is already late.</p>         | <p>35 When it was already late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is an isolated place and it is already very late.</p>   | <p>12 Now the day began to draw to a close, so the twelve came and said to Jesus,</p>                | <p>3 So Jesus went on up the mountainside and sat down there with his disciples.<br/>4 (Now the Jewish feast of the Passover was near.)<br/>5 Then Jesus, when he looked up and saw that a large crowd was coming to him,</p> |

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| <p>Send the crowds away so that they can go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”</p>  | <p>36 Send them away so that they can go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy something for themselves to eat.”</p>  | <p>“Send the crowd away, so they can go into the surrounding villages and countryside and find lodging and food, because we are in an isolated place.”</p>  |  |
| <p><b>Jesus Tests His Disciples</b><br/>16 But he replied, “They don’t need to go. You give them something to eat.”</p> <p>17 They said to him, “We have here only five loaves and two fish.”</p> <p>18 “Bring them here to me,” he replied.</p>   | <p>37 But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.”</p> <p>And they said, “Should we go and buy bread for two hundred silver coins and give it to them to eat?”</p> <p>38 He said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.”<br/>When they found out, they said,</p> <p>“Five—and two fish.”</p>   | <p>13 But he said to them, “You give them something to eat.”</p> <p>They replied,</p> <p>“We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we go and buy food for all these people.”</p>  | <p>said to Philip, “Where can we buy bread so that these people may eat?”<br/>6 (Now Jesus said this to test him, for he knew what he was going to do.)<br/>7 Philip replied, “Two hundred silver coins worth of bread would not be enough for them, for each one to get a little.”</p> <p>8 One of Jesus’ disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him,<br/>9 “Here is a boy who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what good are these for so many people?”</p>             |
| <p><b>Jesus Feeds the Crowd</b><br/>19 Then he instructed the crowds to sit down on the grass.</p> <p>He took the five loaves and two fish, and looking up to heaven he gave thanks and broke the loaves. He gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.</p> <p>20 They all ate and were satisfied,</p> <p>and they picked up the</p> | <p>39 Then he directed them all to sit down in groups on the green grass.</p> <p>40 So they reclined in groups of hundreds and fifties.</p> <p>41 He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. He gave them to his disciples to serve the people, and he divided the two fish among them all.</p> <p>42 They all ate and were satisfied,</p> <p>43 and they picked up the</p> | <p>14b Then he said to his disciples, “Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.”</p> <p>15 So they did as Jesus directed, and the people all sat down.</p> <p>16 Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven he gave thanks and broke them. He gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd.</p> <p>17 They all ate and were satisfied, and</p> <p>what was left over was picked</p> | <p>10a Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.”<br/>(Now there was a lot of grass in that place.)<br/>So the men sat down,<br/>11 Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed the bread to those who were seated. He then did the same with the fish, as much as they wanted.<br/>12 When they were all satisfied, Jesus said to his disciples, “Gather up the broken pieces that are left over, so that nothing is wasted.”<br/>13 So they gathered them up</p> |

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| <p>broken pieces left over, twelve baskets full.</p> <p>21 Not counting women and children, there were about five thousand men who ate.</p> | <p>broken pieces and fish that were left over, twelve baskets full.</p> <p>44 Now there were five thousand men who ate the bread.</p> | <p>up—</p> <p>twelve baskets of broken pieces.</p> <p>14a (Now about five thousand men were there.)</p> | <p>and</p> <p>filled twelve baskets with broken pieces from the five barley loaves left over by the people who had eaten.</p> <p>10b about five thousand in number.</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  |
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| <p>22 Immediately Jesus</p> <p>made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of him to the other side, while he dispersed the crowds.</p> <p>23 And after he sent the crowds away, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone.</p> | <p>45 Immediately Jesus</p> <p>made his disciples get into the boat and go ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dispersed the crowd.</p> <p>46 After saying good-bye to them, he went to the mountain to pray.</p> | <p>14 Now when the people saw the miraculous sign that Jesus performed, they began to say to one another, “This is certainly the Prophet who is to come into the world.” [cf. <a href="#">Deut 18:15, 18</a>]</p> <p>15 Then Jesus, because he knew they were going to come and seize him by force to make him king,</p> <p>withdrew again up the mountainside 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  |
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| <p>24 Meanwhile the boat, already far from land,</p> <p>was taking a beating from the waves because the wind was against it.</p> <p>25 As the night was ending,</p> <p>Jesus came to them walking on the sea.</p> <p>26 When the disciples saw him walking on the water they were terrified and said, “It’s a ghost!” and cried out with fear.</p> <p>27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them: “Have courage! It is I. Do not be afraid.”</p> <p>28 Peter said to him, “Lord, if it is you, order me to come to you on the water.”</p> <p>29 So he said, “Come.” Peter got out of the boat, walked on the water, and came toward Jesus.</p> <p>30 But when he saw the strong wind he became afraid. And starting to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!”</p> <p>31 Immediately Jesus reached out his</p> | <p>47 When evening came,</p> <p>the boat was in the middle of the sea and he was alone on the land.</p> <p>48 He saw them straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. As the night was ending,</p> <p>he came to them walking on the sea, for he wanted to pass by them.</p> <p>49 When they saw him walking on the water they thought he was a ghost. They cried out,</p> <p>50 for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them: “Have courage! It is I. Do not be afraid.”</p> | <p>16 Now when evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, 17 got into a boat, and started to cross the lake to Capernaum. (It had already become dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them.)</p> <p>18 By now a strong wind was blowing and the sea was getting rough.</p> <p>19 Then, when they had rowed about three or four miles, they caught sight of Jesus walking on the lake, approaching the boat,</p> <p>and they were frightened.</p> <p>20 But he said to them, “It is I. Do not be afraid.”</p> |

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| <p>hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?”</p> <p>32 When they went up into the boat, the wind ceased.</p> <p>33 Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”</p> | <p>51 Then he went up with them into the boat, and the wind ceased. They were completely astonished, 52 because they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.</p> | <p>21 Then they wanted to take him into the boat,</p> <p>and immediately the boat came to the land where they had been heading.</p> |
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### Galilean Districts Ministry—Healings at Gennesaret (Nisan [April] 32)

| Matthew 14:34–36  | Mark 6:53–56   |
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| <p>34 After they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.</p> <p>35 When the people there recognized him, they sent word into all the surrounding area, and they brought all their sick to him.</p> <p>36 They begged him if they could only touch the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.</p> | <p>53 After they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and anchored there.</p> <p>54 As they got out of the boat, people immediately recognized Jesus.</p> <p>55 They ran through that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever he was rumored to be.</p> <p>56 And wherever he would go—into villages, towns, or countryside—they would place the sick in the marketplaces, and would ask him if they could just touch the edge of his cloak, and all 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 εἰς 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.”

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