

**Mark 6:30-44 — "Jesus the Messiah: The Perfect & Powerful Host Who Feeds Multitudes Miraculously!"**

This remarkable miracle is recorded by all Four Gospels, a nature miracle that only God can work. No talk about accelerating natural processes will explain this miracle. And three eyewitnesses report it: the words of Matthew, the eyes of Peter in Mark, the witness of John the Beloved Disciple. The evidence is overwhelming. (AT Robertson).

Cheer up, gracious soul! Have you nothing in your own estimation to bring to Jesus but "fragments?" nothing but a poor, sinful nature: a broken, contrite heart: a feeble, faltering faith; a faint, flickering love; a slow, halting footstep; a frail, imperfect service? here a little and there a little of your time, and talent, and substance? Cheer up! Jesus, your Lord and Master despises not the "day of small things." (Octavius Winslow)

- The Messiah is a LAVISH HOST - Psalm 23
- The Messiah is a SEEKING SHEPHERD - Ezekiel 34
- The Messiah is the HEAVENLY BREAD - Psalm 105.40
- The Messiah is the PROPHETIC TEACHER - Deut 18
- The Messiah is the WILDERNESS PROVIDER - Deut 8.16

**THESIS — In Mark 6 when Jesus feeds the multitudes, Jesus acts profoundly and undeniably Messianically. He shows himself, proves himself and proclaims that He is the Divine One, the Savior of the World, the Bread of heaven, to give LIFE to THE PERISHING....**

*THE POINT of this account: Mark shows us Jesus the Messiah's plenteous power, provision & mercy toward the weak.*

**I. YOUR MESSIAH IS THE COMPASSIONATE SAVIOR (30-34a)**

**II. YOUR MESSIAH IS THE PERFECT TEACHER (34b)**

**III. YOUR MESSIAH IS THE INCARNATE GOD! (35-41)**

We must yield what we have, not what we don't have. That sounds obvious, doesn't it? But so often we make up excuses about what we don't have and we fail to offer to Jesus what we do have. "If I just had more money, I'd give

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regularly to the church!” “If I just had the gift of evangelism, I’d witness more!” “If I just had the ability that others have, I’d serve the Lord.” “If I just ...”! But Jesus didn’t use all the bread in Bethsaida, which the disciples didn’t have. He used the five loaves and two fish that they did have. Jesus doesn’t ask you to give Him what you don’t have. He asks you to give Him what you do have. (Steven Cole)

Jesus teaches His own to minister to the multitudes & gather them together sitting in groups around table fellowship that HE provides. Our personal agendas should be left at the door when we are in the presence of the LORD (Darrel Bock).

**IV. YOUR MESSIAH IS THE BOUNTEOUS PROVIDER! (42-44)**

Note the bounteous provision of Christ!

- ✓ Christ’s provision is **SUFFICIENT**. (all that we need)
- ✓ Christ’s provision is **SATISFYING**. (delightful)
- ✓ Christ’s provision is **EXTENSIVE**. (for his own)
- ✓ Christ’s provision is **UNENDING**. (never loses power)
- ✓ Christ’s provision is **GRACIOUS**. (it was undeserved)
- ✓ Christ’s provision is **BOUNTEOUS**. (overflowing, more than what’s needed)
- ✓ Christ’s provision is **ETERNAL**. (this continues into eternity!)

**V. YOUR MESSIAH IS THE BREAD OF LIFE! (John 6)**

**PSALM 23: THE PSALTER** (Isaac Watts)

TUNE: "There is a fountain filled with blood"

My Shepherd, you supply my need, most holy is your name;  
 In pastures fresh you make me feed, beside the living stream.  
 You bring my wand'ring spirit back, when I forsake your ways;  
 You lead me, for your mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When through the shades of death I walk, your presence is my stay;  
 One word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.  
 Your hand in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;  
 My cup with blessings overflows, your oil anoints my head.

Your sure provisions gracious God attend me all my days;  
 Oh, may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.  
 Here would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;  
 No more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home

**SINGING THROUGH THE GOSPEL****Character of God:** *Immortal Invisible God Only Wise*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
 in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes,  
 most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
 almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.  
 In all life thou livest, the true life of all.  
 We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
 and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
 thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.  
 All praise we would render; O help us to see  
 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

**Death & righteousness of Christ:** *Jesus thy blood & righteousness*

Jesus, thy blood and righteousness  
 my beauty are, my glorious dress;  
 'midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,  
 with joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in thy great day;  
 for who aught to my charge shall lay?  
 Fully absolved through these I am  
 from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

Jesus, be endless praise to thee,  
 whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
 for me a full atonement made,  
 an everlasting ransom paid.

**Our trust in Jesus Christ alone:** *I greet Thee who my sure Redeemer art*

I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,  
 my only trust and Savior of my heart,  
 who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;  
 I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the Life, by which alone we live,  
 and all our substance and our strength receive;  
 O comfort us in death's approaching hour,  
 strong-hearted then to face it by thy pow'r.

Our hope is in no other save in thee;  
 our faith is built upon thy promise free;  
 O grant to us such stronger hope and sure  
 that we can boldly conquer and endure.