

Session 9: Mark 6:30-6:56

JESUS FEEDS THE FIVE THOUSAND

1. Read Mark 6:30-44. Follow Mark’s construction: Jesus sends out the 12, John is put to death, and now the disciples return. What message is related by the placement of John’s death?

2. The Feeding of the Five Thousand has much more going on that simply a miraculous feeding. What is the significance of verse 34: “he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd”?

 - A. Read Numbers 27:15-18.

 - B. Read Ezekiel 34:1-16.

 - C. Read Psalm 23.

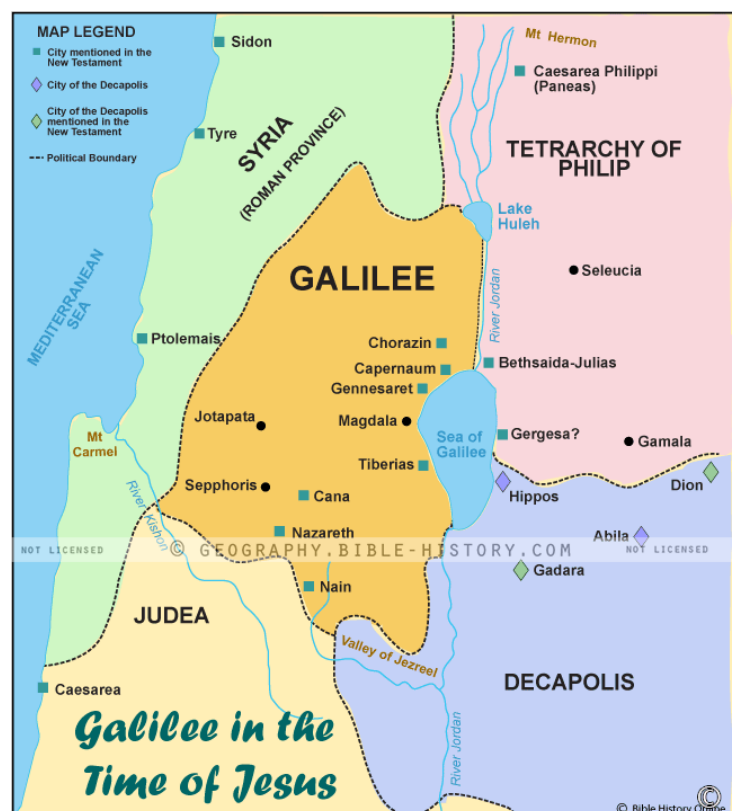
3. We have discussed this before, but for the sake of review, what is central to the implementation of the eschatological reign and rule of God? See vs.34.

4. Mark’s Gospel repeatedly has established that Jesus is Yahweh in the flesh. How then does this story relate to Exodus 24:9-11? And Isaiah 25:6-9?

5. Read Mark 6:41 and note the striking similarity to Mark 14:22. How is this feeding of the 5000 and the Lord’s Supper related?

JESUS WALKS ON THE WATER

6. Read Mark 6:45-52. Jesus made/compelled/ordered the disciples to get in a boat and go across the sea to the other side. How is this similar to 6:37a?



7. The 4th watch of the night was between 3 and 6am. Perhaps Jesus comes to them near dawn. The disciples then need help or “look for” help as the Psalmist does. Read Psalm 130:6. How might we pattern our lives this way? Consider LSB 869.
8. How does Jesus walking on the sea (vs 48) relate to Job 9:8?
9. In verse 48, Mark records that Jesus “meant to pass them by.” This is an example of the peculiar things Jesus did as we discussed at the beginning of this class. However, if one considers not just Job 9:8 but also Job 9:11, we see that there may be more going on here.
 - A. Read Job 9:8,11. What is the literal expression that Mark is conveying?

Do not miss the enormity of this!

In Jesus and in His ministry, Israel/His disciples/we are confronted with a literal instantiation of the OT words of description and promise as they relate to Yahweh and His deeds.

- i. Yahweh says He Himself will shepherd His sheep (Ezek 34:15), and so Jesus literally is (Mk 6:34).
- ii. Yahweh says He Himself will lead His blind people on the way to Jerusalem (Is 42:16; 48:17; 52:8), and so Jesus literally does (Mk 10:32; 10:52).
- iii. Yahweh is described as walking on the sea and passing by unrecognized (Job 9:8, 11), and so Jesus literally does (Mk 6:48).

****In Jesus is actually the *full*-fillment of the OT story, history, and hope.**

- B. But wait... there’s more: Reread Job 9:11. What does Job lament?
- C. What is different for the disciples?
- D. What does this mean for us?
10. In verse 52, Mark records: “for they did not understand about the loaves.” What didn’t they understand? In order to get at that answer, first consider another story in the Scriptures that have to do with treading on water and miraculous giving of bread. So, what did the disciples not understand?
11. Read Mark 6: 53-56.