

LEARNING TO TRUST ONLY IN HIM ~ JOHN 6:1-24

→ Scripture Reading- Mark. 6:30-34, Luke 9:11, Matt 14:15-16

THE PROBLEM (No Food) ~ John 6:1-9

[1] Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), [2] and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the miraculous signs he had performed on the sick. [3] Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. [4] The Jewish Passover Feast was near.

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Events Occurring Between John 5 & 6

- Jesus Sends His 12 Disciples out on a Mission trip (Mark 6:7-13)
- John the Baptist is Executed by Herod (Matt. 14:11-12)
- Jesus Disciples Return from the Mission trip (Luke 9:10)
- Jesus & His Disciples Look for Rest & Recuperation (Mark 6:30-31)

→ Overhead Map of the Sea of Galilee

[5] When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" [6] He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. [7] Philip answered him, "Eight months' wages would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" [8] Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, [9] "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"

→ OH Picture of Sea of Galilee

→ Jesus had **COMPASSION** ...they were like sheep without a Shepherd. (Mk. 6:34)

→ Jesus **WELCOMED** them, **TAUGHT & HEALED** them until evening. (Lk 9:10-11)

→ Jesus told his disciples to **FEED** the crowd (Mtt. 14:16)

APPLICATION (R. Stedman)

→ HE wants us to Come to HIM and ONLY to HIM for Help and Strength

THE SOLUTION (Miraculous Food) ~ John 6:10-15

[10] Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and the men sat down, about five thousand of them. [11] Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. [12] When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." [13] So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. [14] After the people saw the miraculous sign that Jesus did, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." [15] Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

Details From Matthew & Mark...

- Jesus Makes the Disciples Get in a Boat and Leave (Mtt. 14:22)
- Jesus Sent the Crowd Home (Mk. 6:46)
- Jesus went Back Up the Mountain to pray (Mt. 14:23)

APPLICATION (R. Definba)

THE RESULTS (Keep on Feeding Us) ~ John 6:16-24

[16] When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, [17] where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. [18] A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. [19] When they had rowed three or three and a half miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were terrified. [20] But he said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid." [21] Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading.

→ OH Fishing Boat

→ The reaction of the disciples who saw what Jesus did was **WORSHIP**. (Mtt. 14:33)

→ They were Amazed but still had Hard hearts. (Mk. 6:51-52)

APPLICATION (B. G. Lobbs)

→ Every Difficulty or Trial God Gives us...

... is there to Develop & Expand our Faith & Dependence on Him.

→ TRUST ME... I CAN HANDLE IT

[22] The next day the crowd that had stayed on the opposite shore of the lake realized that only one boat had been there, and that Jesus had not entered it with his disciples, but that they had gone away alone. [23] Then some boats from Tiberias landed near the place where the people had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. [24] Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

TAKE AWAY ?? (R. Definba)