



SIGNPOSTS

A Journey in
The Gospel of Mark

The Hero of Every Story

SignPosts in Mark 6

For the people of the Inversion Fellowship

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MARK 6:30-52 ESV

30 The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. 31 And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. 32 And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. 33 Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. 34 When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. 35 And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. 36 Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” 37 But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” 38 And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” 39 Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. 40 So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. 41 And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. 42 And they all ate and were satisfied. 43 And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. 44 And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

45 Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. 46 And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. 47 And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. 48 And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, 49 but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, 50 for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” 51 And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, 52 for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

KEY SIGHTINGS FOR TONIGHT

A TALE OF TWO MEALS

The feeding of the five thousand occurs right after the death of John the Baptist. The contrast of these two meals couldn't be more striking. At the first, a weak and debauched king removes the head of Jesus' cousin, the voice crying out in the wilderness (Isaiah 40). At the second, the true king has compassion for his sheep, provides humbly for them and further demonstrates His true identity.

WHO IS THIS HERO... REALLY?

Jesus has been going to great lengths to show Himself for who He really is, and yet, while His followers seem to occasionally catch glimpses into His identity, they still don't really get this guy. We, however, have an advantage over them, having access to the full revelation of who Jesus is in His person and work. It is absolutely critical that we get at His true identity. What is at stake? Everything.

MY NOTES:

Review and Introduction

Tracking Through the Plotline of Mark

- **Chapter 1:14, 15** – Kingdom! Repent and Believe the Gospel
- **Chapter 1:16-20** – First thing he does – he calls his men...why? For mission...
- **End of 1 to 8:21** — **Galilean Ministry** – Demonstration of the Kingdom, preaching of the gospel, shaping a community on mission.

Jesus' story reveals who he is, and when our stories collide our faith is revealed.

Two Questions

- Why is Jesus the Hero of Every Story?
- Are there certain things Christians believe that are worth fighting and dying for?

Compassion is Fuel

The Hero Satisfies

Who is this Hero... Really?

