Mark

The **Gospel** of the **Servant of God**

I. The ***Service*** of the **Servant** (1:1-10:52)

G. **His Preeminence** in **Galilee** (6:1-9:50)

1. The ***Poor*** **Reception** in **Nazareth** (6:1-6a)
2. The ***Pairing*** and **Sending** of the **Twelve** (6:7-13)
3. The ***Plight*** of **John the Baptist** (6:14-29)

4. The ***Provision*** for the **5,000** (6:30-44)

a. The ***Priority*** of **Rest** (6:30-32)

[30] The **apostles** gathered together with **Jesus**;
and they **reported to Him** *all* that they had ***done*** and ***taught.***

[31] And **He** said to them,
"**Come away** by yourselves to a **secluded place** and **rest** a while."
(For there were **many** ***people*** coming and going,
and they did **not** even have **time to eat**.)

[32] They **went away** in the **boat** to a **secluded place** by themselves.

b. The ***Pursuit*** of the **People** (6:33-34)

[33] *The people* **saw them** ***going,*** and many **recognized** ***them*** and **ran there**
together on ***foot*** from **all** the **cities**, and **got there ahead** of them.

[34] When **Jesus went ashore**, **He** saw a **large crowd**,
and **He felt** ***compassion*** for them because they were like **sheep** *without* a **shepherd**;
and **He** began to **teach them** many things.

c. The ***Paucity*** of **Provision** (6:35-38)

[35] When it was already **quite** ***late***, **His disciples** came to **Him** and said,
"This place is ***desolate*** and it is already **quite** ***late****;*

[36] **send them away** so that they may 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 spend **two hundred denarii** on **bread**
and give them *something* **to eat**?"

[38] And **He said** to them, "How many **loaves** do you have?
Go look!" And when they found out, they said, "**Five**, and **two fish**."

d. The ***Powerful*** **Miraculous Provision** (6:39-44)

[39] And **He commanded** them **all** to **sit down** by **groups** on the ***green grass***.

[40] They sat down in **groups** of **hundreds** and of **fifties**.

[41] And **He took** the **five loaves** and the **two fish**, and ***looking up*** toward **heaven**,
He blessed *the* ***food*** and **broke the loaves**
and **He kept giving** *them* to the **disciples** to set before **them;**
and **He divided up** the **two fish** among them **all.**

[42] They **all ate** and were ***satisfied***, [43] and they picked up **twelve full baskets**
of the **broken pieces**, and also of the **fish.**

[44] There were **five thousand men** who ate the **loaves**.

Summary Lessons (Mark 6:30-44)
Messiah's *Miraculous* Provision

1. The ***Priority*** of **Times of Rest**

And **He (Jesus)** said to ***them*** (the **twelve**),
"**Come away** by yourselves to a **secluded place** and **rest a while**."
(For there were **many *people*** coming and going,
and they did **not** even have **time to eat**.) (6:31)

2. The ***Pressing*** **Needs** of the **People**

A **large crowd** followed **Him (Jesus)** because they **saw** the **signs**
which **He was performing** on **those** who were **sick**. (John 6:2)

3. The ***Pity*** of the **Great Shepherd** for the **"Sheep"**

When **Jesus** went ashore, **He** saw a ***large crowd***,
and **He felt compassion** for them
because they were like **sheep *without* a shepherd**;
and **He began** to **teach them** *many* things. (6:34)

4. The ***Probing*** and **Testing** of the **Disciples**

Therefore **Jesus, lifting up His eyes** and seeing that a **large crowd**
was coming to **Him**, said to **Philip**,
"**Where** are we to **buy bread**, so that ***these*** **may eat?"**

This **He** was saying to **test him**, for **He Himself**
knew what **He** was intending **to do.**

Philip answered Him, "**Two hundred denarii** worth of **bread**
is **not sufficient** for them, for *everyone* to receive **a little."** (John 6:5-7)

5. The ***Positioning*** of the **People**

And **He (Jesus) commanded them** all to **sit down**
by **groups** on the **green grass.**
They **sat down** in **groups** of ***hundreds*** and of ***fifties***. (6:39-40)

6. The ***Powerful*** **Provision** from **the Lord**

And **He took** the **five loaves** and the **two fish,** and **looking up** toward **heaven,**
He blessed *the food* and **broke the loaves**

and **He kept giving** *them* to the **disciples** to **set before them**;
and **He divided up** the **two fish** among them **all.**
They **all ate** and were **satisfied**,..(6:41-42)

7. The ***Plentiful*** **Leftovers**

and they **picked up twelve full baskets**
of the **broken pieces**, and also of **the fish**. (6:43)

Personal Application

Reflecting on **God's Gracious Provision**

104 Bless the LORD, O *my soul!*
O LORD my **God**, **You** are **very great**;
You are **clothed** with **splendor** and **majesty**,..
[5] **He established** the **earth** upon its **foundations**,
So that it will ***not totter*** forever and ever.

[6] **You covered it** with the **deep** as with a **garment;**
the **waters** were standing ***above*** the **mountains.**

[7] At **Your rebuke** they ***fled,*** at the sound of **Your thunder** they ***hurried away***.

[8] The **mountains** ***rose;*** the **valleys** ***sank*** down
To the **place** which **You established** for them.

[9] **You** set a ***boundary*** that they may ***not*** **pass over**,
So that they will ***not*** return to **cover** the **earth**.

[10] **He** ***sends*** forth ***springs*** in the **valleys**; they **flow between** the **mountains**;
[11] They **give drink** to **every beast** of the field; the **wild donkeys** *quench* their **thirst.**

[12] Beside them the **birds** of the heavens **dwell;**
They lift up *their* **voices** among the **branches**.

[13] **He waters** the **mountains** from **His upper chambers**;
The **earth** is ***satisfied*** with the **fruit** of **His works**.

[14] **He causes** the **grass** to **grow** for the **cattle,**
And **vegetation** for the **labor of man**,
So that **he** may **bring forth food** from the **earth,**

[15] And **wine** which makes man's **heart glad**, so that he may make *his* **face**
glisten **with oil**, and **food** which *sustains* **man's heart**...

[19] **He** made the **moon** for the **seasons**; the **sun** knows the place of its **setting.**

[20] **You** appoint **darkness** and it becomes ***night,***
In which all the **beasts** of the forest **prowl** about.

[21] The young **lions** roar after their **prey** and **seek their food *from* God**.

[22] *When* the **sun** rises they **withdraw** and **lie down** in their **dens.**

[23] **Man** goes forth to **his work** and to **his labor** until **evening.**

[24] **O LORD**, how **many** are **Your works**! In ***wisdom*** **You** have **made them all;**
The **earth** is ***full*** of **Your possessions**.

[25] There is the **sea**, great and broad, in which are **swarms** without **number,**
Animals both **small** and **great**...[27] They all **wait for You**
To **give them** their **food** in **due season**.

[28] **You give** to them, they **gather *it* up**;
You **open Your hand**, they are **satisfied** with **good**...
[31] Let the **glory** of **the LORD** endure ***forever;***
Let **the LORD** be **glad** in **His works**;..
(Psalm 104:1, 5-15, 19-25, 27-28, 31)

Closing Comments