

Who is This Guy?

Learn about Him to Live like Him



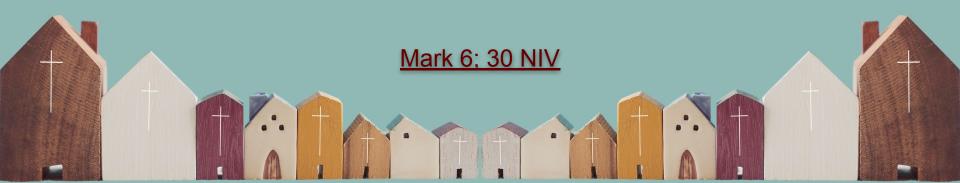
JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Punchline

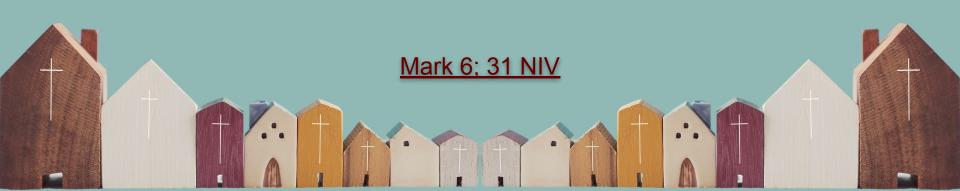
It's ok to be a sheep, but don't be a sheep without the true Shepherd



The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught.



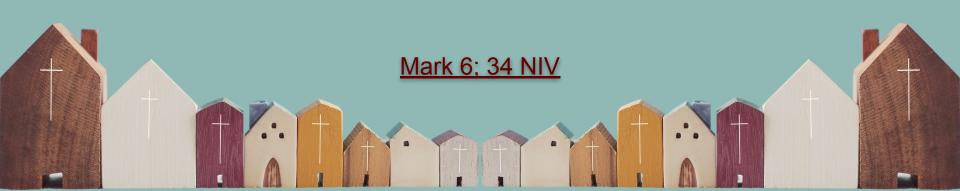
Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."



So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them.



When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.



Disciples Return

- Disciples have been busy and Jesus wants them to rest
- A large group of people follow Jesus and the disciples



Sheep Need a Shepherd

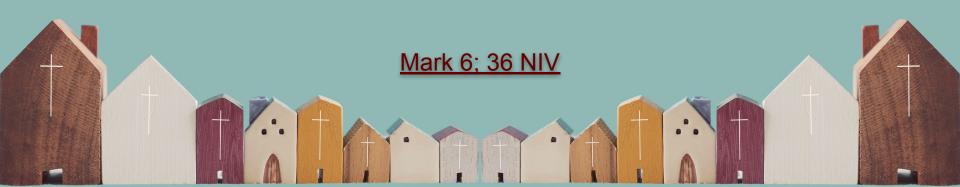
- > Jesus sees the crowd as sheep without a shepherd
 - They need guidance, care, compassion, a shepherd



By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late.



Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat."



But he answered, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "That would take more than half a year's wages[e]! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to

"How many loaves do you have?" he asked. "Go and see." When they found out, they said, "Five and two fish."



The Dilemma

- > The people are getting hungry
- Disciples say "send them away to go out"
- **>>** Jesus says "YOU feed them."



The Dilemma

- > Feeding them seems impossible
- > Jesus tells the disciples to see how much food they have
 - Five loaves and two fish



Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties.



Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all

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They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.



Feeding the Sheep

- > Jesus blesses the food and starts breaking it
- Everyone at, was satisfied, and there were leftovers
- ➤ The people were cared for by the true Shepherd



The Shepherd Provides For Our Needs

➤ "The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing." <u>Psalm 23: 1</u>



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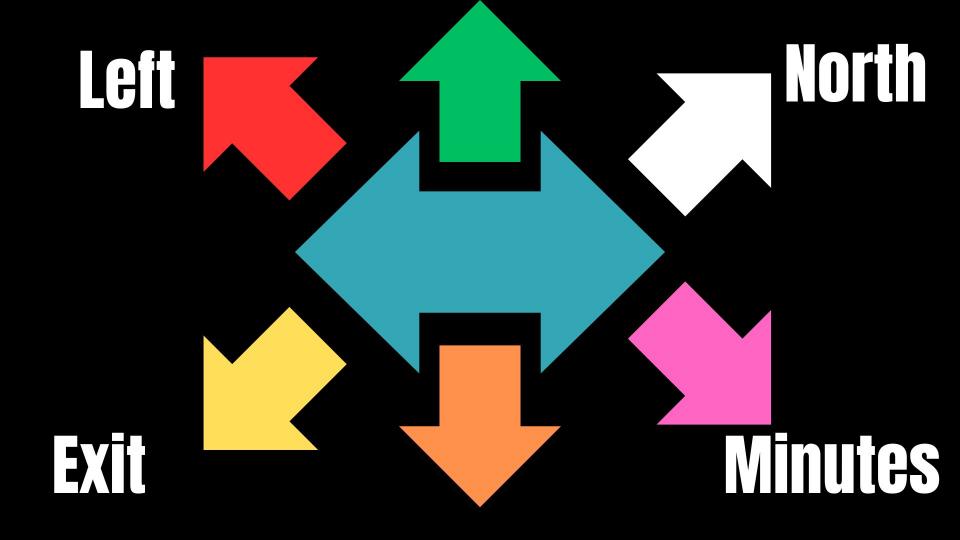
- > Food
 - If you have food everyday God has provided
- > Shelter
 - If you have a roof and a place to sleep God provided

The Shepherd Provides For Our Needs

> Health

 See the areas you are healthy in -God provided for your health





The Shepherd Provides Guidance

> "He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." Psalm 23: 3b-4



The Shepherd Provides Guidance

- > Teaching
 - o Are you teachable?
 - Start by listening to and for God
 - Not easy when it's challenging
 - More fun when it's new



The Shepherd Provides Guidance

- > Life Guidance
 - Responding to setbacks
 - Responding when we are wronged
 - How we see others
 - Our plans









"He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, He refreshes my soul." Psalm 23: 2-3a



- > Rest is important but hard to find
- > To rest we have to slow down and stop
- > Rest is recovering AND rejuvenating

- ➤ We treat rest like a want but it's a NEED
- ➤ God doesn't want exhausted sheep



- ➤ Find your green pastures and quiet waters
- > Make rest a habit



The Good and Perfect Shepherd

- > Provides for our needs
- > Provides guidance
- > Provides rest

