



The Return of the Twelve (6:30-34)

- Jesus gives the apostles space to debrief, rest, and regroup
- The crowd finds them
- They are like “sheep without a shepherd” and Jesus takes pity on them. They are spiritually and physically hungry
- “He began to teach them many things”



The Feeding of the 5000

Mark 6:35-44

- The only miracle reported in all four gospels (twice in Mark!)
- Spiritual, social, theological implications
- Themes
 - Jesus’ compassion
 - The disciples’ concern
 - God’s provision and abundance
 - Connection with the Lord’s Supper



Walking on the Water

Mark 6:45-52

- The Sea of Galilee and Fear
- Jesus sends the crowd away
- Solitude and Prayer
- Walking on Water
- Reaction of the Disciples
- Calming of the Storm



A Shift in Location and Story

Mark 6:53-56

- Jesus' crossing of the sea and arrival on the west side, near Gennesaret, opens a new section of Mark's gospel.
- In chapter 7, he will confront false notions of purity and holiness that had grown up in Jewish tradition.

