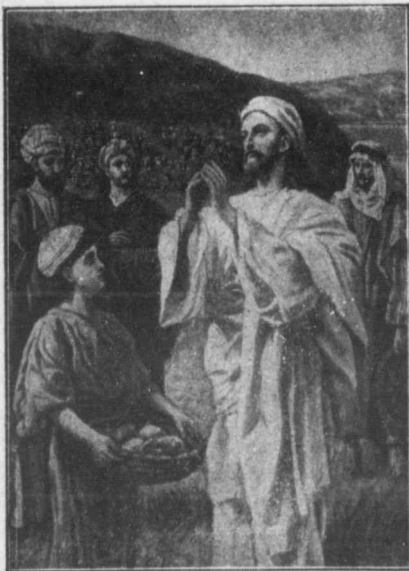


Lesson XII. JESUS MINISTERING TO THE MULTITUDE March 24, 1918

Mark 6 : 32-44. Study Mark 6 : 32-56. *Scripture Memory Verses, 1 Sam. 3 : 8-10.

Golden Text—The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.—Matthew 20 : 28.



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32 And they departed into a desert place by ship privately.

33 And the people saw them departing, and many knew him, and ran afoot thither out of all cities, and outwent them, and came together unto him.

34 And Je'sus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd : and he began to teach them many things.

35 And when the day was now far spent, his disciples came unto him, and said, This is a desert place, and now the time is far passed :

36 Send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread : for they have nothing to eat.

37 He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat ?

38 He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye ? go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes.

39 And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass.

40 And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties.

41 And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before them ; and the two fishes divided he among them all.

42 And they did all eat, and were filled.

43 And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes.

44 And they that did eat of the loaves were about five thousand men.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Every once in a while Jesus liked to go away with his disciples to some quiet place, where he could be alone to rest and pray to his heavenly Father to make him strong to do the work he came to do in the world.

One day they started to go across the water to one of these quiet places, but the people knew they were going, and what do you think those people did ? They walked as fast as they could around the seashore to the place where Jesus was going, and when he arrived the people were there waiting for him. Many others from all parts of the country joined them, till there was, oh, such a crowd.

When Jesus saw them, he was not angry because they had spoiled his plans. He was very sorry for them. They seemed to him like sheep that had no shepherd, and he longed to be their shepherd and lead them in right ways and take them safely to God's heavenly fold. So he began to teach them. All day long they sat on a hillside listening to Jesus.

When evening came, his disciples went to him saying, "It is getting late ; send these people away, so that they may go to the nearest villages to buy bread to eat, for they have not had anything to eat all day." Jesus said, "You give them something to eat," but

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