

Committed Disciples
Mark 6:30-44 (8/16/09 AM)

There are 35 miracles of Jesus recorded in the Gospels.

**This Is the Only Miracle of Jesus that Is Recorded In _____
_____ Gospels**

1. The Critical Setting (30-32)

A Pivotal Event

• **The _____**

His popularity with the people has reached its peak. Jesus had sent the disciples out to minister “two by two” (6:7-13). While the disciples are out ministering John the Baptist is killed by Herod (6:14-29).

This Is a Climactic Moment in the Life of _____

• **The _____**

Disciples need time with their Master. This miracle and the events surrounding it will be more for the disciples than for anyone else.

This Is a Climactic Moment in the Lives of the _____

2. The Compassionate Savior (33-34)

The Ever Present Multitude

Jesus went to Bethsaida to be alone with His disciples. The people realized where Jesus was going and follow Him by walking around the lake.

• **Jesus’ attitude was _____ for them**

Sheep left to wander become lost and dying. The word “compassion” means to suffer with. He felt their hurt. Jesus reveals the heart of God.

He Perceived them as _____ and Wandering

• **Jesus’ actions were to _____ to them**

Jesus went down to them and mingled among them.

Luke 9:11, “He received them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who had need of healing.”

Jesus demonstrated that the pressing needs of the multitudes took Precedence

The Focus of Jesus Was Upon the _____

3. The Confused Disciples (35-36)

A Lesson in Ministry

• **Their attitude revealed their limited _____**

When they looked at the multitudes they did not see what Jesus saw. They have just come back from a time of successful personal ministry. (12-13)
“So they went out and preached that people should repent. And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them.”

Sometimes Even Committed Disciples Can Lack _____

• **Their solution revealed their distorted _____**

What is amazing is the fact that Jesus purposefully gave them time to think about this, John 6:5-6. This question occurred earlier as the people were coming. The disciples probably discussed this as the day wore on and when evening came they came to Jesus and gave Him their consensus opinion.

“Send them away”. Their reasoning was that the time and the place were not convenient.

The Focus of the Disciples Was Upon _____

4. The Challenging Instruction (37-40)

A Faith Strengthening Exercise

The Lord already knows how He will accomplish His will.

- **To reveal to them their** _____

They had been witnessing Jesus heal people all day. If He healed diseases how hard would it be for Him to provide food? Their problem is our problem. They were too focused upon how the circumstances affected them.

Even Committed Disciples Can Lack Spiritual

- **To train them for** _____

John 6:8-9, One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?" This question has been asked in different ways by many of God's servants. Abraham, Moses, David, Solomon, Esther, Peter, Paul and many others. Is all that I am and all that I have available for the Master's use? (Romans 12:1)

Committed Disciples Learn to become Teachable and _____

- **To display to them His** _____

Matthew 14:18, He said, "Bring them here to Me."

He calls upon them to exercise another step of faith. They were taking practical steps in preparation for Jesus to work among them.

The Primary Lesson Is to Learn to Trust Jesus

5. The Life Changing Moment (41-44)

The Disciples Participated In a Miracle

Matthew 14:19, "He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes."

- **The lesson within the lesson is that Jesus meets the needs of people through** _____

The disciples were learning about partnering with Jesus in ministry. Jesus was perfectly capable of feeding all these people without them. Matthew 14:19 is literally "kept giving". The miracle occurred as the disciples obeyed. Because of their obedience everyone ate until they were full.

The Blessing of Jesus Makes All the Difference and He Always Blesses _____