



**Mark 6:33-44**  
The True Shepherd of Israel Is Here!

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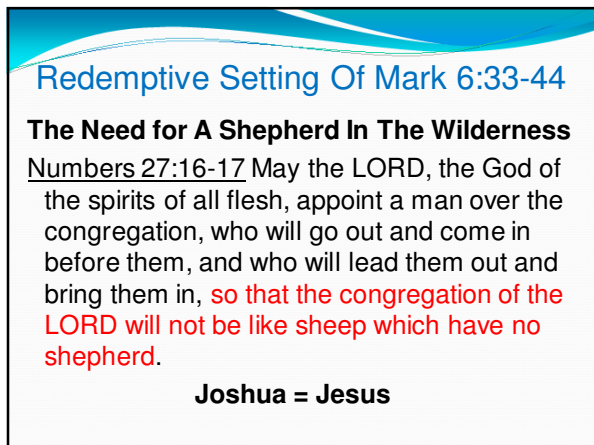
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**Redemptive Setting Of Mark 6:33-44**

**The Need for A Shepherd In The Wilderness**  
Numbers 27:16-17 May the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the congregation, who will go out and come in before them, and who will lead them out and bring them in, **so that the congregation of the LORD will not be like sheep which have no shepherd.**

**Joshua = Jesus**

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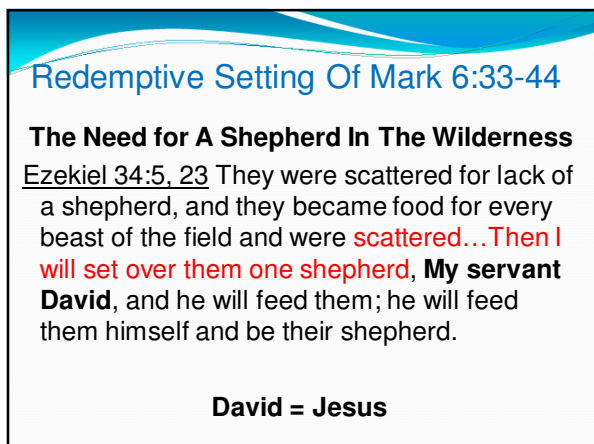
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**Redemptive Setting Of Mark 6:33-44**

**The Need for A Shepherd In The Wilderness**  
Ezekiel 34:5, 23 They were scattered for lack of a shepherd, and they became food for every beast of the field and were **scattered...Then I will set over them one shepherd, My servant David**, and he will feed them; he will feed them himself and be their shepherd.

**David = Jesus**

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### Outline

#### **Mark 6:30-32 Retreat to the Wilderness**

Mark 6:33-34 Jesus feeds them with **the word**

Mark 6:35-38 Disciples: How do we feed them?

Mark 6:39-44 Jesus feeds them with **bread**

#### **The Significance of The Feeding of 5,000**

Mark 6:52 ...for they had not gained any insight **from the incident of the loaves**, but their heart was hardened (cf. Mark 8:17-21).

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### The Shepherd Feeds His Sheep

Mark 6:33-34 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. 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**.

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### The Priority of The Word of God

Psalms 111:4-5 He has made His wonders to be remembered; The LORD is gracious and **compassionate**. **He has given food to those who fear Him**; He will remember His covenant forever.

Deuteronomy 8:3 He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with ...that He might make you understand that **man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD**.

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### Do You Know The Shepherd's Voice?

John 10:27-29 **My sheep hear My voice**, and I know them, and they follow Me; **and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish**; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

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### The Disciples Lack Understanding

Mark 6:35-36 When it was already quite late, His disciples came to Him and said, "This place is desolate and it is already quite late; **send them away** so that they may go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat."

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### Jesus Corrects His Disciples

Mark 6:37-38 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?" And He said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go look!" And when they found out, they said, "Five, and two fish."

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### Jesus' Sheep Will Never Lack

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

Psalms 23:1-2 The LORD is my shepherd, I **shall not want**. He makes me lie down **in green pastures**; He leads me beside quiet waters.

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### The Shepherd Feeds His Sheep

Mark 6:41-44 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**, and they picked up twelve full baskets of the broken pieces, and also of the fish. There were five thousand men who ate the loaves.

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### Jesus' Sheep Are Cared For Eternally

John 6:48-50 "I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, **so that one may eat of it and not die...**"

John 10:11, 17 I am the good shepherd; **the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep...** For this reason the Father loves Me, because **I lay down My life so that I may take it again.**

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### The Shepherd's Great Reversal

Mark 6:21 A strategic day came when Herod on his birthday **gave a banquet** for his lords and military commanders and the leading men...

Revelation 19:17c-18 "...Come, assemble for the **great supper** of God, so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free men and slaves, and small and great."

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### The Shepherd Has A Table For Us!

Psalms 23:4-6 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. **You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies**; You have anointed my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, **and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

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