

Mark's Gospel—Jesus' True Identity Reveals the Magnitude of His Sacrifice

9:30 Morning Worship Service:

Mark 6:30-44

Our Good Shepherd

Jesus Is the Long-Promised Good Shepherd.

1. Mark Shows Us Two Contrasting Feasts (6:21-44).

2. Jesus Is the Compassionate Shepherd (30-44).

3. He Is More than Enough to Satisfy Us (37-44).

Conclusion: Jesus supernaturally feeds more than 5,000 people in the wilderness by blessing and multiplying what they bring to Him. They are not only satisfied but left with an abundance of bread and fish. Through this completion of the Exodus story we see Jesus to be the compassionate shepherd-king His people have always needed. Won't you trust Him with your life today?

Psalm 23:1-6

- ¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
² He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.
³ He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Isaiah 40:9-11

- Go on up to a high mountain, *O Zion*, herald of good news;
lift up your voice with strength, *O Jerusalem*, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not;
say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"
¹⁰ Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him;
behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.
¹¹ *He will tend his flock like a shepherd*; he will gather the lambs in his arms;
he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Ezekiel 34:11-16

- ¹¹ "For thus says the Lord God: *Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out.* ¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And *I will feed them on the mountains of Israel*, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴ *I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel.* ¹⁵ *I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God.* ¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and *I will strengthen the weak*, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

Psalm 78:70-72

- ⁷⁰ He chose David his servant and took him from the sheepfolds;
⁷¹ from following the nursing ewes he brought him
to shepherd Jacob his people, Israel his inheritance.
⁷² With upright heart he shepherded them and guided them with his skillful hand.