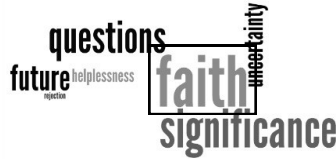


# Jesus on the Issues



## A Lesson on Faith

### Feeding the five thousand —

Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. <sup>40</sup>So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. <sup>41</sup>Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, He gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then He gave them to His disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. <sup>42</sup>They all ate and were satisfied, <sup>43</sup>and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. <sup>44</sup>The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand. *Mark 6:39-44*

## A Test of Faith

### Difficult directions

Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of Him to Bethsaida, while He dismissed the crowd. <sup>46</sup>After leaving them, He went up on a mountainside to pray. *Mark 6:45-46*

### Amazed disciples

Later that night, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and He was alone on land. <sup>48</sup>He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. Shortly before dawn He went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them, <sup>49</sup>but when they saw Him walking on the lake, they thought He was a ghost. They cried out, <sup>50</sup>because they all saw Him and were terrified.

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Immediately He spoke to them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." <sup>51</sup>Then He climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. They were completely amazed... *Mark 6:47-51*

### Uncomprehending hearts

Then He climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. They were completely amazed, <sup>52</sup>for they had not understood about the loaves; their hearts were hardened. *Mark 6:51-52*

## The Lesson Repeated

### Healings in Gennesaret

<sup>56</sup>And wherever He went... *Mark 6:56a*

## The Exercise of Faith

### Jesus demonstrates His compassion

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost. *Luke 19:10*

### Jesus invites us into His mission

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. *John 10:10b*

### Jesus multiplies our resources

- He used two fish and five rolls from a boy to feed more than five thousand people. (Mark 6)
- God used a slingshot in the hand of David to free the Israelites (1 Samuel 17)
- God used a handful of flour and a few ounces of oil in the hand of a widow to sustain a prophet and feed her family for years. (1 Kings 17:7-24)

"What is that in your hand?" *Exodus 4:2b*

## Next Steps

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