

When Jesus Left the Crowds by Boat

Text: Mark 6:30-44

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When Jesus left the crowds by boat
To go and get some rest,
They followed him on shore by foot,
Like they were on a quest.

So Jesus had compassion on
All those who came to him,
Though his disciples hoped they'd leave
Before day's light grew dim.

"Send them away," they said to Christ,
"So that they might all go
To buy themselves some food to eat
Before the sun's too low."

"How many loaves to eat, have we?"
The Lord to his own said.
"We found two fish," they then replied,
"And five small loaves of bread."

Then Jesus had the people sit
In groups upon the grass,
And with the loaves and little fish
He fed the hungry mass.

He took the loaves and two small fish,
And looking up to heav'n,
Gave thanks to God for these small gifts
Which He in love had giv'n.

They all then ate till satisfied,
Five thousand of them men,
And afterwards twelve basketfuls
Were filled up once again.

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And so, dear God, we ask of you
To feed us so today,
And fill us by your loving grace,
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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