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An Exposition of the Book of Mark



The Authoritative Shepherd

Mark 6:30-56

Overview

- **Jesus has all authority**
 - Who can do such things? Only God
 - Reproduce food at will
 - Walk on Water
 - Heals the sick
 - Jesus of the Bible has all authority over heaven and earth (Matt. 28.18)
 - Miracles are pictures of the Kingdom that Jesus is preaching and ushering in

- **Jesus is the Great Shepherd**
 - Jesus calls for rest amidst the busyness of ministry
 - Sees crowd and recognizes them as “sheep without a shepherd”
 - This is more shocking than we first realize due to their having plenty of teachers
 - Text tells us Jesus has compassion on a spiritually hungry people that have no direction
 - Jesus is primarily interested in their spiritual need by his teaching them
 - But he also cares for their physical needs by reproducing food
 - Jesus as Great Shepherd fulfills prophecy of God coming down and seeking out lost himself
 - Ezekiel 34

- **Believe in Divinity of Jesus**
 - Disciples have trouble “putting together” Jesus after seeing Him walk on water and consider the loaves
 - This was due to a hardened heart
 - In Mark 8.19 Jesus tries to help them see His divinity and the need for them to see that

Questions

1. Why is it important the author is going out of his way to show you how authoritative Christ is?
2. Why was Jesus so “compassionate” towards those “sheep?”
3. What does it say about the God that would tell us that He would come & seek, bind, strengthen the sheep?
4. How did these “sheep” lose their “shepherd?”
5. How can we be a church of compassion to those who are seeking answers yet have no shepherd?
6. Discuss the hardness of heart in the disciples and relate to them in your personal life?