***Hi! My Name Is Jesus! Let’s Eat!*** 12-20-20

*Bottom Line: Jesus can take care of all needs and opportunities and turn them into a feast.*

**Introduction:**

A. The great irony of Christmas: What many see as the most joyous season, others see as the most stressful season.

1. Usual things like shopping, crowds, plans, & family

2. This year has a different kind of Christmas stress!

3. Plans shot to pieces, overwhelmed by worries, and just worn out!

B. How can people be in the same situation and have totally different perspectives?

1. Different expectations, experiences, and baggage

2. Donna & me: Movies? Meat vs. veggies? Rotate vs. reuse? How can two people be so different?

C. The apostles and Jesus are often very different, like…

1. Major events: sending them out & death of John

2. Gather back together to share and recover, but…

**1. Mark 6:30-31** (NIV)

A. **Apostles**: Travel tired, report to share, hectic & hungry, and plain worn out, BUT so many people…

B. **Jesus:** Saw the need to retreat and rest! Called them…

1. Do we hear his call to retreat and rest?

2. The most important part “Come with me”

**2. Mark 6:32-34**

A. **Apostles:** worried, frustrated, and still hungry!

B. **Jesus:** Saw the opportunity & need to lead!

1. His compassion – “His heart broke” MSG

2. Teaching w/o dinner? God, soul, & eternity first!

**3. Mark 6:35-37**

A. **Apostles:** Late/tired, remote place, overwhelmed, “send them away” = get rid of the problem?

B. **Jesus:** Saw the need to change plans! Like at Cana & wine

1. “YOU give them something to eat.” ME?

2. It cost too much! How can we do something like this?

**4. Mark 6:38-44**

A. **Apostles:** We ain’t got much! Forgot who they were with!

B. **Jesus:** Saw what God could do with the little they had!

1. From lunch to a massive banquet! What do you have?

2. Who saw the miracle? Apostles or crowd? Who needed to learn what God can do? Lunch bag to 12 baskets leftover!

**Conclusion:**

A. This is a strange miracle compared to all the others.

1. Just food! Not life or death or spectacular!

2. Every loaf of bread handed out screamed something!

B. They learned something about Jesus – we do too!

1. He was all about compassion and faith

2. He was all about honoring God and sharing/giving

3. He was all about using an opportunity normally ignored!

C. Right now he is still giving, loving, and calling you!

\* Come with me? Or ignore the opportunity?

**Bible Study for Sunday, December 20, 2020**

**Hi! My Name Is Jesus! Mark 6:30-44**

1. When does Christmas go from joy to stress for you? Does it?

2. Why do you think people have such different perspectives about what they see?

3. What are some examples of when Jesus and his apostles saw things completely different?

4. In Mark 6:30-31, a lot of things were going on. How do you think the apostles felt? What was going through their minds?

5. What should we learn from Jesus calling on his apostles to come away with him and rest?

6. What happened to their plan to get away? (vs.32-34)

7. In what way was Jesus’ reaction different than the apostles?

8. Why were the apostles shocked by Jesus’ request for them to feed the crowd?

9. What do you think it was like for the apostles as they distributed the food? How do you think it happened?

10. Why is this miracle so different from most of the others?

11. What do we learn about Jesus from this event?