

LESSON 26 FEEDING THE MULTITUDE

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Bethsaida and Capernaum, A. D. 30
(Matt. 14 : 13-36; Mark 6: 30-56 ;
John 6 : 12, 26, 27, 48-51, 63.)

*Side Texts to be
studied with
questions*

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| 1. UPON the apostles returning from their first missionary trip, what did they tell Jesus? Mark 6 : 30 | John 15 :5. |
| 2. What did the Saviour then suggest? V. 31. | |
| 3. Where did they go? Verse 32. See note 1. | Luke 9 : 10;
Matt. 14 : 13. |
| 4. What did the people do when they heard that the Saviour had thus departed? Luke 9: 11. | Mark-6 : 33. |
| 5. How did Jesus feel upon meeting the people there? Mark 6:34. | Luke 9 :11
John 6 4. |
| 6. As the day closed, what request was made by the disciples? Verses 35, 36. | Matt. 14 : 15. |
| 7. What conversation then followed between Jesus and some of His disciples ? Verses 37, 38. | John 6 :5-9. |
| 8. What were the disciples then asked to do? Verses 39, 40. | |
| 9. Before giving the loaves and fishes to be distributed by the disciples, what did Jesus do? Verse 41. | 2 Kings 4 :43. |
| 10. What lesson in economy did He give? John 6: 12. | |
| 11. After sending away the people, where did Jesus go? and for what purpose? Matt. 14: 23. | Luke 6:12. |
| 12. What experience did the disciples have on the sea? Verse 24. | |

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| 13. How did Jesus overtake the disciples on the sea? Verse 25.
See note 2. | Job 9 : 2-8. |
| 14. Relate the circumstances which followed. Verses 26-33. | Mark 6 : 51,
52. |
| 15. Upon Christ and the disciples landing, what did the people do? Verses 34-36. | John 6: 22-25. |
| 16. Why did the people seek Jesus ? John 6 : 26. | Matt. 14: 22. |
| 17. What counsel did He give them? Verse 27. | |
| 18. What did He declare concerning Himself? Verses 48-51. | |
| 19. What did He mean by this ? Verse 63. | |

Reading

" Desire of Ages," chapters 38-41.
" Spirit of Prophecy," vol. 2, chapters 20-22, 25.

NOTES

1. The news of John's death had doubtless to do with suggesting the proposed rest. It was to Christ the warning that His labors in Galilee must also soon terminate through the people's rejection of Him, and the shadow of His own violent death as well. There were many things to communicate to His apostles which could not well be said before the multitude. Besides, they needed a spot for quiet meditation and prayer. The Bethsaida, or Fish-house, here mentioned as the place of retirement, is supposed to have been a place six miles from Capernaum, at the head of the Sea of Galilee, east of Jordan, sometimes called Julia, in honour of Julia, a daughter of Emperor Augustus. It was beyond the territory of Herod Antipas, and in the tetrarchy of Philip, therefore entirely distinct from the place by that name west of the Sea of Galilee.
2. Formerly the Jews had but three watches of the night, enumerated as the first, or "beginning of the watches (**Lam. 2 : 19**), the middle watch (**Judges 7 :19**), and the morning watch" (**Ex. 14 : 24 ; I Sam. is : 11**). These were respectively from sunset to 10 P. M., from 10 P. M. to 2 A. M., and from 2 A. M. to