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Jesusology

Mark 6:30-44 "It's a Revolution!"

Christianity is not an invitation to a docile domesticated kind of life, the path most traveled by many contemporary churchgoers. Following Christ is a path far from the easy road. It is a path of adventure, uncertainty and unlimited possibilities. It is about giving your heart fully to the only one who can make you fully alive and helping others to do the same. It is a life of choosing sacrifice over safety and commitment over compromise. It's a Revolution!

Mark 6:30-44

What is this Revolution?

- 1) It is not a physical (political and military) but a spiritual uprising. *John 6:15 "They were about to come and take Him by force to make Him King."*
- 2) Its weapons are not guns but the Gospel. *v34 "He had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd." Isa.53:6; Ps. 23; John 10:1-18.*
- 3) It is advanced by word and deed. *V34 "He began to teach them many things." V44 "And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men."*
- 4) It is not about bringing death, but life. *Bread in ancient times was a symbol of life. John 6:35; Matt. 5:4.*
- 5) It is about change inside out, not outside in. *v31 "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." Vv32-37 Jesus seems to lead them right into a mess of people and tells them to meet their needs.*

Who Are the Revolutionaries?

- 1) My (our) problems are beyond my (our) resources. (I can't) *v37 "You give them something to eat."*

2) In His hands the insufficient becomes sufficient. (God can) *v42 "And they all ate and were satisfied."*

3) Miracles will happen in me and through me only as I serve. (Use me) *v37 "You give them something to eat..." v38 "How many loaves do you have?" v41 "He said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people."*

Revolutionaries seek to subvert the culture.

- ✓ Secularism = makes people self-centered.
- ✓ Religion = makes people self-righteous.
- ✓ Gospel = makes people servants. Money? Relationships? Time/Talents?

What Shocking Event Started It?

V41 Blessed and broke the bread. Same two verbs found in Mark 14:22 Jesus giving communion to His disciples in upper room as He blesses & breaks the bread as a picture of Him on the Cross.

- 1) On the Cross Jesus blessed and was broken for me. *Luke 23:24 "Father, forgive them..." John 19:30 "It is finished!"*
- 2) To the degree I believe He is my substitute and example is to the degree I become a revolutionary. *Mark 14:22-25 - Communion becomes a moving experience!*



Growing

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1) The past is filled with stories of revolutionaries who have changed both American and world history. Give some examples. The message and life of Jesus is revolutionary! How is following Him a path far from the easy road but at the same time filled with adventure?

2) Read Mark 6:30-44. Historical context tells us in John 6:15 "They were about to come and take Him by force to make Him King." The revolution Jesus came to bring was spiritual not physical. Explain.

3) What is the greatest weapon of this revolution and how is it advanced? How is this revolution about life rather than death? What is the difference between outside in and inside out change?

4) What are the three characteristics of the revolutionaries (those who follow Jesus)? How evident are these in your life: Small or Grande or Vente? Revolutionaries seek to subvert the culture. How is the Gospel different from secularism and Religion?

5) What shocking event started this revolution? What does it mean to the degree I believe Jesus is my substitute & example is to the degree I become a revolutionary? How would a revolutionary (servant) handle money, relationships & time? Pray about it.