

THE JOURNEY TO BETHSAIDA AND RETURN THROUGH GENNESARET

Matthew 14:13-36; Mark 6:31-56; Luke 9:11-17; John 6:1-7:1

After the disciples had returned from their trip throughout Galilee, Jesus suggested that they take another trip. Notice the different purpose for this trip, and yet the similar events which occurred:

A. The Reason for the Journey: Read Mark 6:31-34

1. What did Jesus suggest that the disciples do after they returned from their trip? Mark 6:31 _____
2. What was one reason that this seemed so necessary? Mark 6:31b _____
3. Where did they go? Mark 6:32; Luke 9:10b _____

B. Events Near Bethsaida:

1. When the crowds saw them leaving, what did they do? Mark 6:33 _____
2. Why did they do this? John 6:2 _____
3. Where were all these people going? John 6:4, 5a _____
4. How did Jesus feel when He saw them? Mark 6:34a; Luke 9:11 _____
5. What two things did He do for them all day long? Mark 6:34b; Luke 9:11b _____
6. Toward the close of the day, what great miracle did Jesus perform for them? John 6:5-14 _____
7. After this miracle, what did the crowds want to do to Jesus? John 6:15 _____
8. However, what did Jesus tell His disciples to do? Matthew 14:22a _____
9. What did He do to the crowds? Matthew 14:22b _____
10. Notice that although the crowds went on to the Passover Feast in Jerusalem, Jesus Himself did not go. Instead, what did He do? Matthew 14:23 _____

C. The Return Trip through Gennesaret: Read Matthew 14:22-36

1. What kind of trip did the disciples have as they crossed the sea in their boat? Matthew 14:24 _____
2. How did Jesus cross the sea? Matthew 14:25 _____

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3. Who else, because of his faith, was able to do this? Matthew 14:26-33

4. What did Jesus do in Gennesaret before returning to Capernaum? Matthew 14:34-36

D. Events in Capernaum: Read John 6:22-7:9

1. The next day, when the people saw that Jesus was no longer near Bethsaida, what did they do? John 6:24

2. Why did Jesus say they did this? John 6:26

3. For what did Jesus say they ought to be working? John 6:27

4. What did Jesus say they should do if they wanted to work the works of God? John 6:28, 29

5. Who did Jesus say He was? John 6:35, 48-51

6. Where was this sermon given? John 6:59

7. What did many of Jesus' disciples do after this sermon? John 6:66

8. This event is often called "The Great Galilean Crisis." What shows how great a crisis it really was? John 6:67

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Does Jesus today always do things the way I think He should?

2. Am I ever tempted to turn back from Him on such occasions? (See Luke 9:62)
