



Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

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Take your Pulse

What is one of the best places you have ever visited?

Where is one place you would like to go? What is keeping you from going?

Today's Reading

Mark Chapter 6

In chapter 6 we encounter a lot of rising action. It starts off with Jesus getting rejected in his hometown. Then he continues traveling among the villages teaching and sends his 12 disciples with the mission to cast out demons and healing those who are sick. King Herod started hearing about Jesus's fame and we get a brief backstory about the death of John the Baptist before jumping back in to the story of how the mission of the 12 went. While trying to rest from their adventures, the disciples and Jesus continue to draw a crowd, even at a deserted place, where we then encounter Mark's version of the feeding of the 5,000. Afterwards, the disciples get in a boat heading to Bethsaida and Jesus finally gets some quiet time before scaring his disciples to death by catching up to them by walking on the water. Our chapter ends with Jesus healing the sick in Gennesaret.



Start the Thinking

The disciples are gaining a lot of experience with Jesus in this chapter. What do you make of their response to Jesus' actions, from their experience of being sent out, to feeding the 5,000 and then Jesus walking on the water? How do you respond?



Conversing with God

Dear Jesus,

Following you leads to many adventures, some of them frightening and some we don't understand. Give us the courage to continue following you, even when we don't know where we are going. Calm our doubts and fears and help us to always trust in you. Amen.



Be blessed

May the God of surprises bring smiles and joys to the everyday and ordinary.

May the God of love be seen in all we do and say.

May the God of life who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen