

V29 THE GOD OF SCRIPTURE IS A GOD OF COMPASSION DEPARTING FROM THERE TYRE AND SIDON JESUS WENT ALONG BY THE SEA OF GALILEE AND HAVING GONE UP ON THE MOUNTAIN HE WAS SITTING THERE

V30 AND LARGE CROWDS CAME TO HIM BRINGING WITH THEM THOSE WHO WERE LAME CRIPPLED BLIND MUTE AND MANY OTHERS AND THEY LAID THEM DOWN AT HIS FEET AND HE HEALED THEM HE TRULY IS MERCIFUL

V31 SO THE CROWD MARVELED AS THEY SAW THE MUTE SPEAKING THE CRIPPLED RESTORED THE LAME WALKING AND THE BLIND SEEING AND THEY GLORIFIED THE GOD OF ISRAEL THEY WORSHIPED HIM IMAGINE THAT GENTILES WORSHIPING THE GOD OF ISRAEL

V32 JESUS CALLS HIS DISCIPLES TO HIM AND SAID I FEEL COMPASSION FOR THE PEOPLE BECAUSE THEY HAVE REMAINED WITH ME NOW FOR THREE DAYS AND HAVE NOTHING TO EAT AND I DO NOT WANT TO SEND THEM AWAY HUNGRY FOR THEY MIGHT FAINT ON THE WAY HE WAS CONCERNED FOR THEIR DAILY PHYSICAL NEEDS MATT 6:11 AS WELL AS THEIR SPIRITUAL NEEDS

V33 THE DISCIPLES ADMIT THEIR LACK OF RESOURCES WHERE WOULD WE GET SO MANY LOAVES IN THIS DESOLATE PLACE TO SATISFY SUCH A LARGE CROWD

V34-35 JESUS SAID TO THEM HOW MANY LOAVES DO YOU HAVE AND THEY SAID SEVEN AND A FEW SMALL FISH AND THEN JESUS TELLS THE PEOPLE TO SIT DOWN ON THE GROUND

V36 JESUS TAKES THE SEVEN LOAVES AND THE FISH AND GIVING THANKS HE BREAKS THEM AND STARTS GIVING THEM TO THE DISCIPLES AND THE DISCIPLES GIVE THEM TO THE PEOPLE JESUS MULTIPLIES THE LOAVES AND THE FISH UNTIL THE MULTITUDES WERE FED

V37 AND THEY ALL ATE AND WERE SATISFIED NOBODY LEFT HUNGRY AND THE DISCIPLES PICK UP SEVEN BASKETS OF LEFTOVERS JESUS TAKES LITTLE AND MAKES MUCH OF IT

V38 AND THOSE WHO ATE WERE FOUR THOUSAND MEN BESIDES WOMEN AND CHILDREN JESUS FEEDS ABOUT EIGHT TO TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE MEETING THEIR DAILY PHYSICAL NEEDS BY HIS DIVINE POWER

IMAGINE JESUS COULD HAVE FED THEM WITHOUT HIS DISCIPLES OR THE LOAVES AND THE FISH BUT HE WANTED HIS DISCIPLES TO LEARN TO TRUST HIM AND EXPERIENCE HIS DIVINE POWER AS HE USED THEM AS HIS VESSELS OF MERCY

HIS CHURCH IS BUILT WITH VESSELS OF MERCY AS DISCIPLES WE ARE VESSELS OF MERCY SANCTIFIED BY OUR MASTER USEFUL FOR EVERY GOOD WORK HAVING EXPERIENCED HIS DIVINE POWER IN OUR DAILY LIVES

GOD WANTS TO USE US AS VESSELS OF MERCY AS WE MEET THE NEEDS OF OTHERS THAT HE MIGHT REVEAL HIS DIVINE POWER TO US AND THEM REMEMBER HE HAS NOT LEFT US TO OURSELVES HE WORKS IN US AND THROUGH US

EPH 2:10 FOR WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS FOR GOOD WORKS WHICH GOD PREPARED BEFOREHAND SO THAT WE WOULD WALK IN THEM

MATT 5:13-16 WE ARE HIS SALT AND HIS LIGHT WE ARE TO HAVE AN INFLUENCE IN THE WORLD AROUND US AS GOD WORKS IN US AND THROUGH US LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE MEN IN SUCH WAY THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN

WE ARE TO HAVE SERVANT ATTITUDES TRUSTING IN HIS DIVINE POWER TO WORK IN US AND THROUGH US AS WE SERVE HIM BY SERVING OTHERS THOSE WHO ARE THE GREATEST IN HIS KINGDOM WILL NOT BE THOSE WHO HAVE THE MOST SERVANTS BUT THOSE WHO SERVE THE MOST