









When Jesus heard what had happened, he and the apostles withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them.

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. He welcomed them and began teaching about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing.

As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

Mark 6:31-44
Matthew 14:13-21
Luke 9:12-17
John 6:1-14

He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"

⁸ Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"

"Bring them here to me," he said.



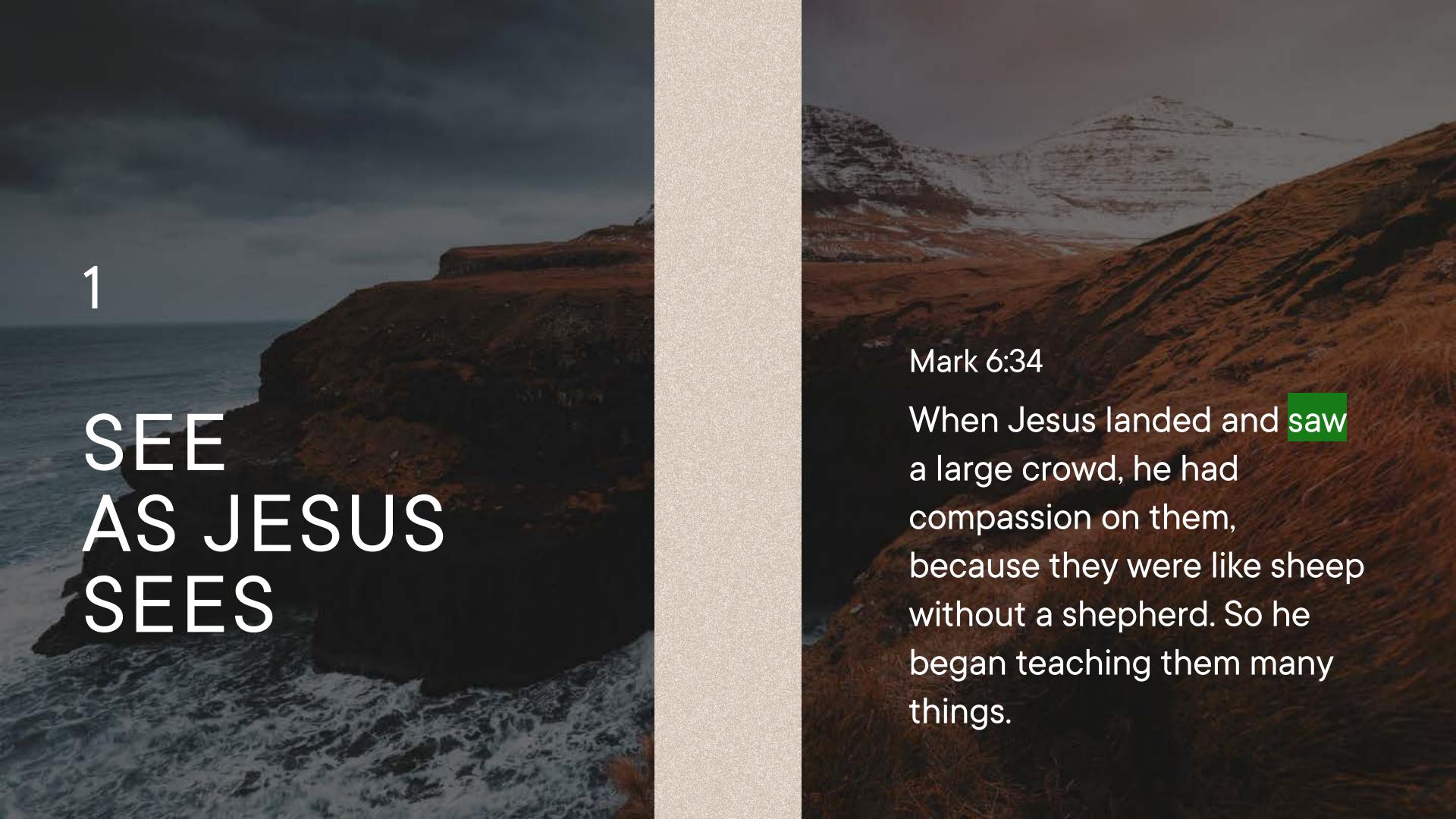
Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down. Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.







Jesus Sees

Luke 13:10-13

He saw the pain of the woman who was bent over for 18 years

He sees our anguish

John 11:33-35

Luke 5:1-7

He sees our struggles



The Lostness of Man

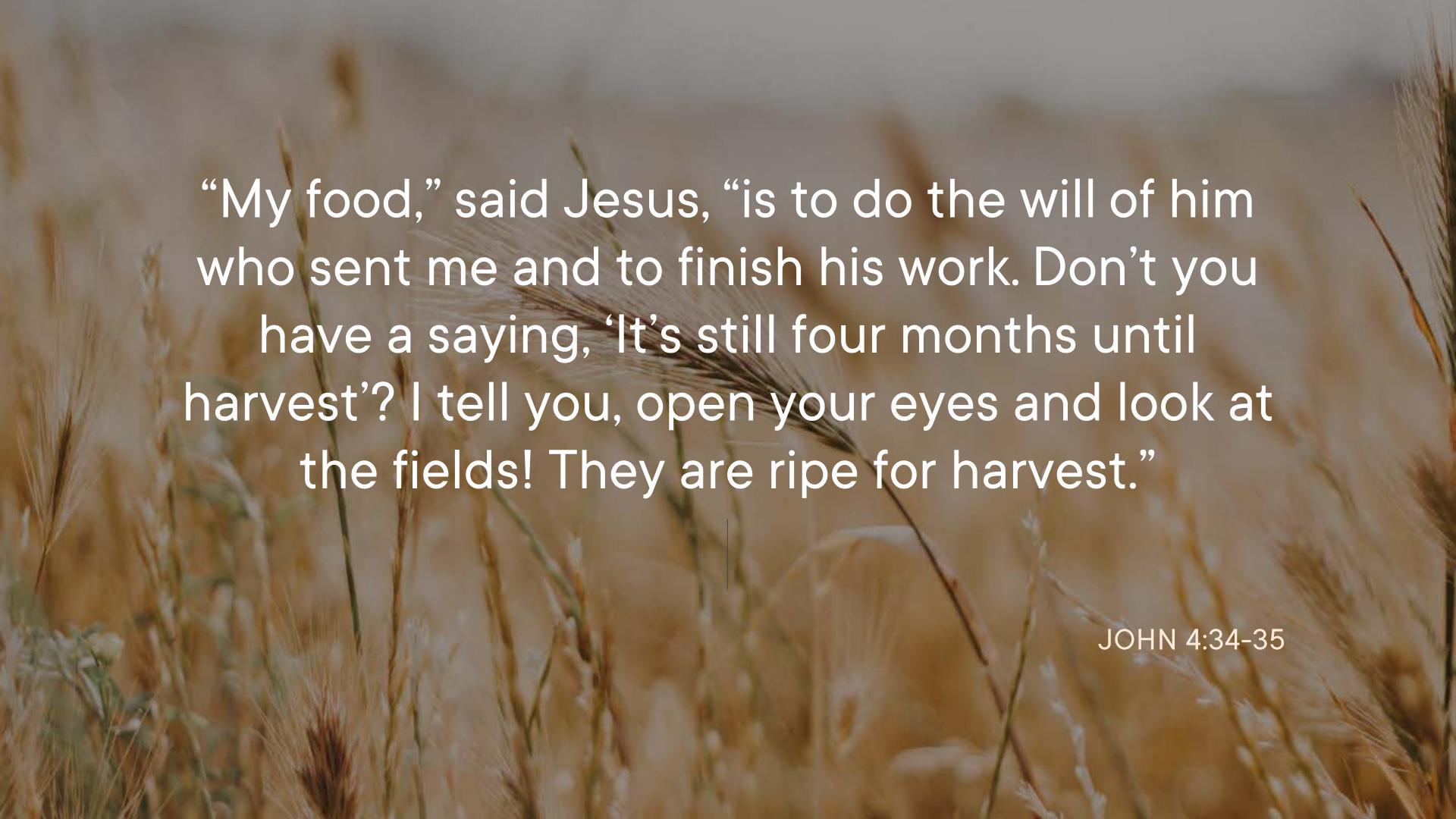
Mark 6:34

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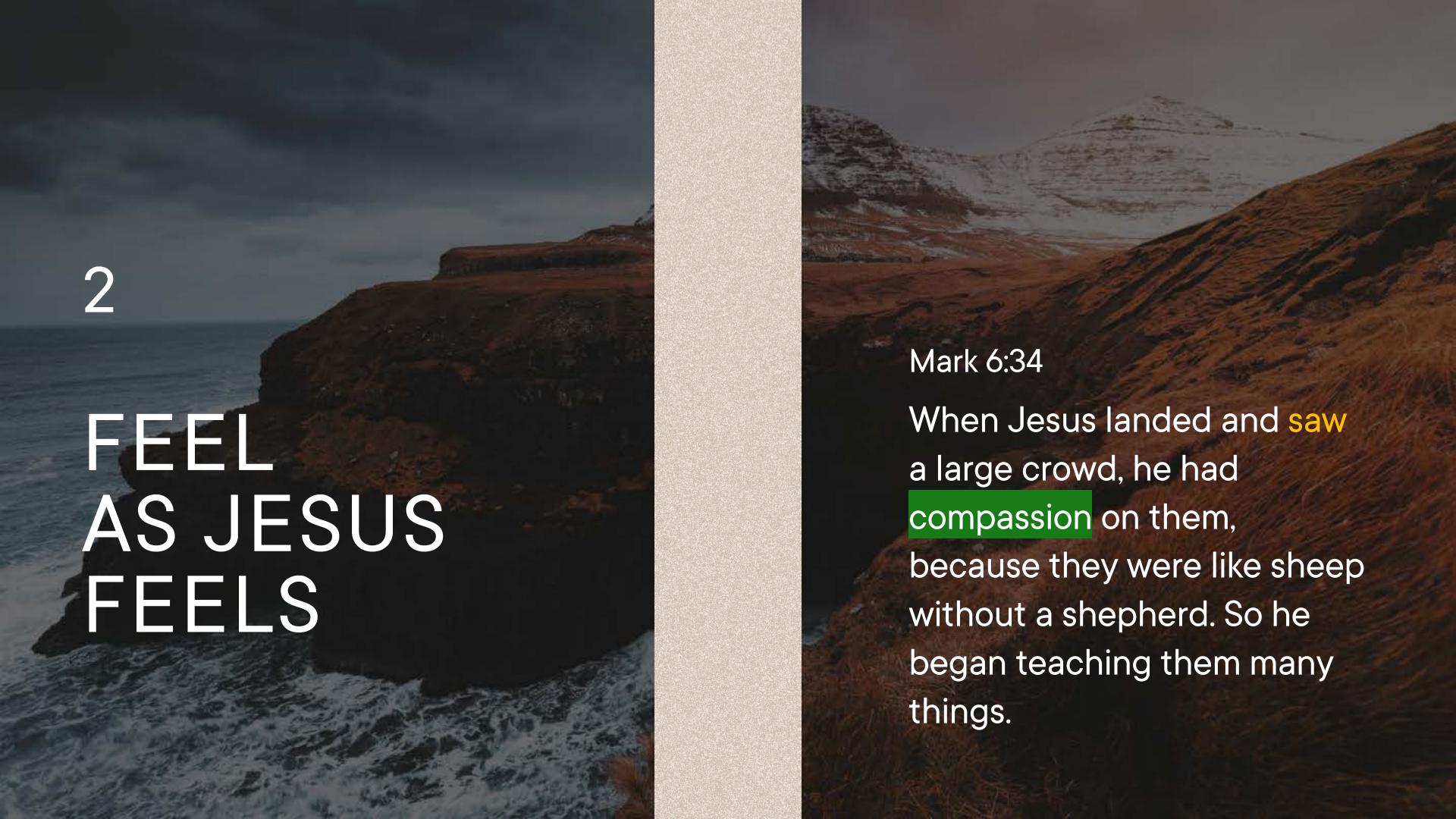
Ecclesiastes 3:11

He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end.









-COMPASSION-

splagchnizomai:

to be moved in the inward parts, i.e. to feel profound compassion; to be moved as to one's bowels (for the bowels were thought to be the seat of love and pity)

Jesus Feels

Luke 7:13

When the Lord saw her, He felt compassion for her, and said to her, "Do not weep."

Matthew 9:36

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Matthew 15:32

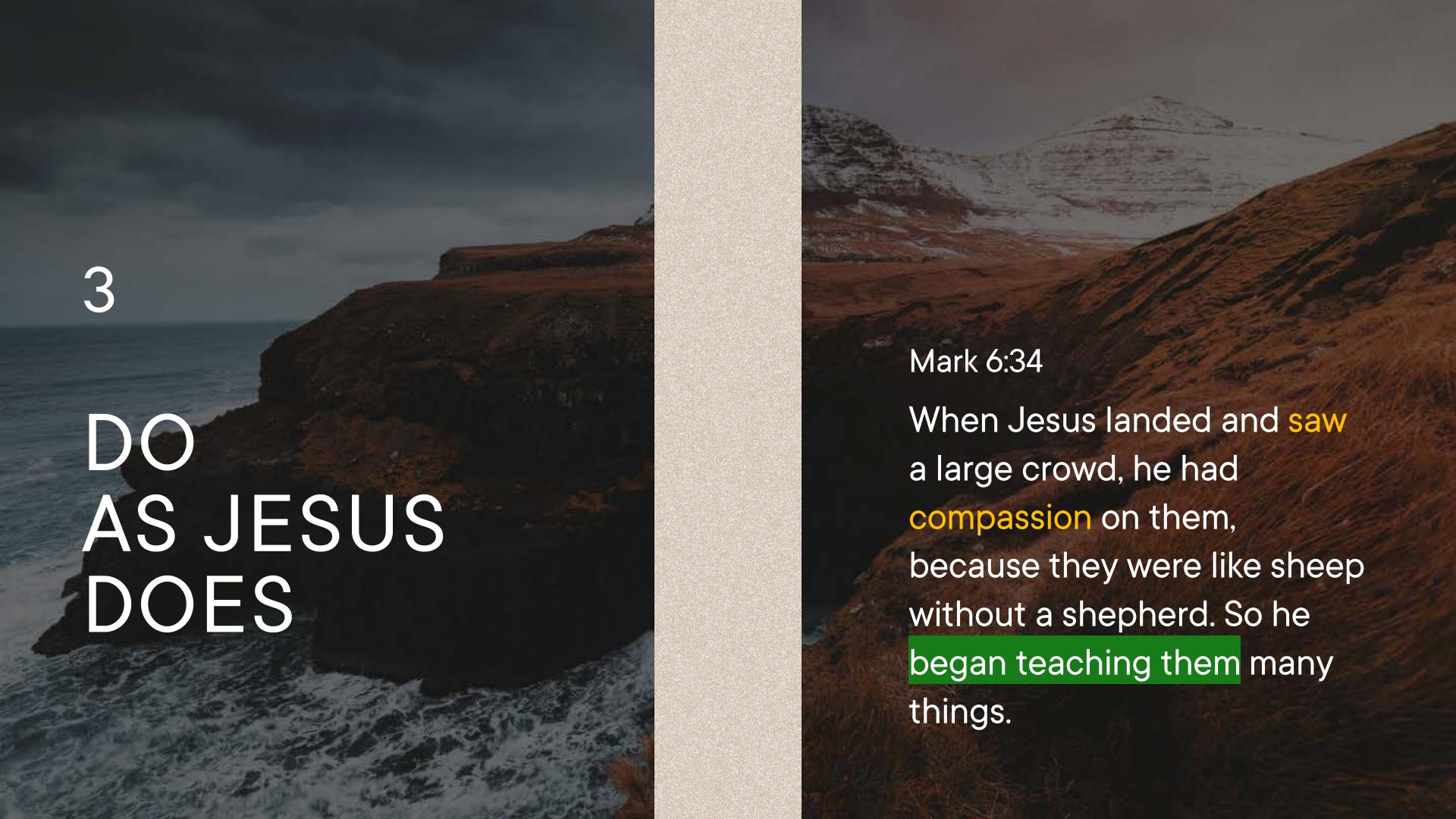
And Jesus called His disciples to Him, and said, "I feel compassion for the people, because they have remained with Me now three days and have nothing to eat..."

Matthew 20:34

Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes; and immediately they regained their sight and followed Him.



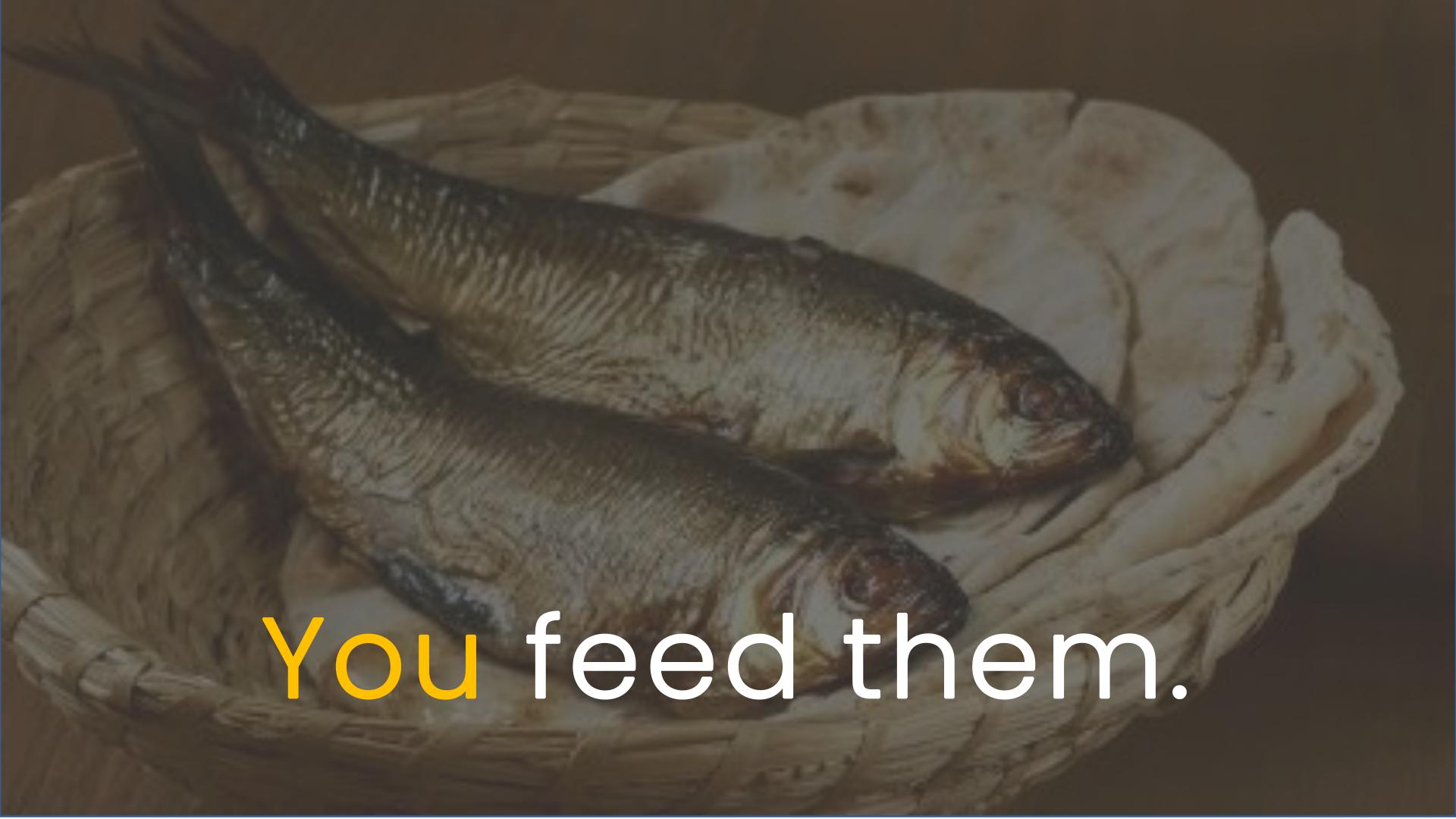
Compassion without action is wasted emotion.



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