

The literary structure Mark 6:54-56

This passage is a part of an inclusion that begins and ends the stories of Jesus feeding 5,000 people and Jesus walking on water.

Inclusion: Teaching on the east side - Mark 6:33-34

- a) **Recognized Jesus:** ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them,
- b) **Ran/all the towns:** and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them.
- c) **Jesus teaches:** ³⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things.

Story 1: Jesus feeds 5,000 people - Mark 6:35-45

Story 2: Jesus walks on water - Mark 6:46-53

Inclusion: Healing on the west side - Mark 6:54-56

- a¹) **Recognized Jesus:** ⁵⁴And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him
- b¹) **Ran/the whole region:** ⁵⁵and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was.
- c¹) **Jesus heals:** ⁵⁶And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.