Intro.  A. Often times we lament our lack of information about Jesus Christ.
   1. If only we could know this or that.
   2. What was His favorite food? What color would He choose?
   3. These have nothing to do with truth.

B. God certainly knows what is important.
   1. In these verses we have an account of a brief period of time in the life of Jesus.
   2. They are the truths we need to know.

I. The Truth Of The Too-Tired Preachers.

A. The apostles reported back to Jesus.
   Vs. 7  1. They had been sent forth two by two.
  Vs. 30  2. They gathered themselves unto Jesus.
   3. They told Him what they had done.
   4. They told Him what they had taught.

B. The Compassionate Jesus.
   Vs. 31a  1. "Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place and Rest a while; "Rest" = ἀναπαύω = "to cause to rest up, to cause to cease or desist from, to give rest to or from".
   2. "Some away by yourselves to a solitary place where you can rest quietly."
   3. These are words a Pastor seldom hears. Usually we are told to work harder and do more.
III. The Crisis Of Success.

A. Success as the world sees it often brings about a crisis.
1. Remember, this is not what Jesus wanted.
2. He wanted isolation and leisure time.
3. His disciples saw a crisis.
4. How they would have solved it.

B. Jesus meets the need.
37. "...Give ye them to eat."
2. The disciples thought money. "Shall we go and buy?"
3. Most success oriented preachers believe the answer to every crisis is to spend money.
Most of the time this is not true. It only creates the illusion of success. Jesus most likely intended for these people to go hungry!

C. How Jesus solved the problem.
38. 1. Start with what you have.
39, 40. 2. Calm down and sit down.
41a. 3. Look up to heaven.
41b. 4. Let everyone who saw the problem help to solve it. "...gave them to his disciples".
43. 5. Don't waste anything.
44. 6. Exact numbers aren't necessary.

IV. I Don't Want To Walk On Water.

A. This is a true incident.
1. It has no spiritual interpretation.
2. Matthew tells us of Peter's desire to walk on water. It was a silly desire.