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Why did he send them 2x2? What can we learn from this?
What does Jesus permit/forbid them to take? Why?
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Compare/contrast Herod's kingdom with Jesus' kingdom.
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What does this teach us about Jesus?
How can we apply this today?

Read Num 27:15-17, Micah 2:12-13, & Ezk 37:24. How do these passages inform how we should understand what is happening not just in vs 30-44 but also in the wider Gospel story of Mark?

In the story of the feeding of the 5,000, what do you notice about the attitudes and actions of the crowd, the disciples, and Jesus?
Why does Jesus send the disciples and the crowd away?

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