



*The  
Gospel of Mark*

When what we can offer is small...

Mark 6 v30-44



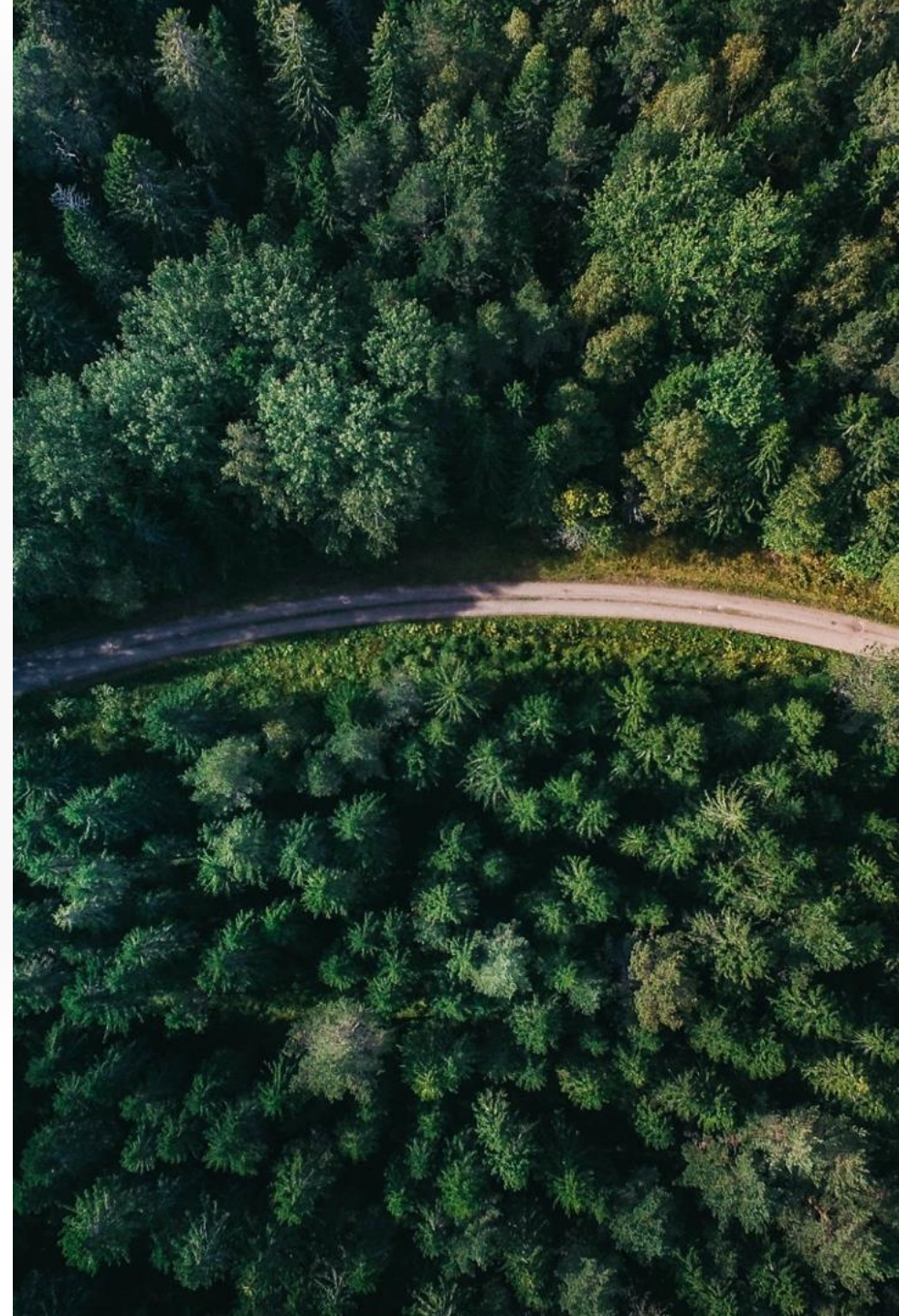




## Mark 6 v 34-36

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. 'This is a remote place,' they said, 'and it's already very late. Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.'





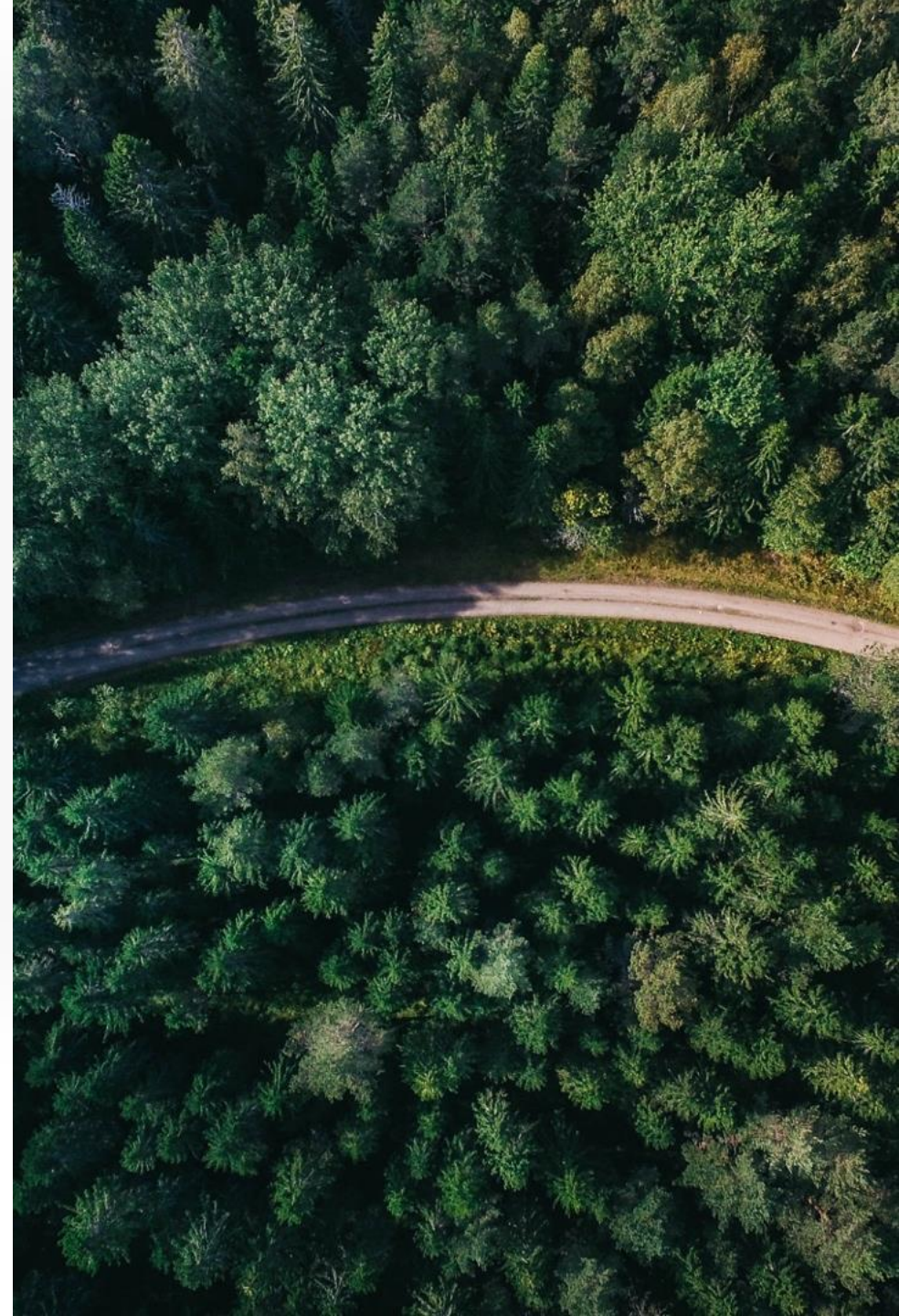
# Mark 6 v 37-38

But he answered, 'You give them something to eat.'

They said to him, 'That would take more than half a year's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?'

'How many loaves do you have?' he asked.  
'Go and see.'

When they found out, they said, 'Five – and two fish.'





## Mark 6 v 39-41a

Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties.

Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves.





## Mark 6 v41b-44

Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish.

The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.







‘God is never at the end of His resources  
when we are at the end of ours.’

*Rowan Williams*





Five rolls plus two fish  
equals a dud dish

except with Jesus in the mix  
impossible no longer exists





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Jesus commands the people to sit down  
on the green grass





Jesus makes them recline  
on the green grass



# Psalm 23

**The LORD is my shepherd,**

I lack nothing.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures,**

he leads me beside quiet waters,

he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths

for his name's sake.





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You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;  
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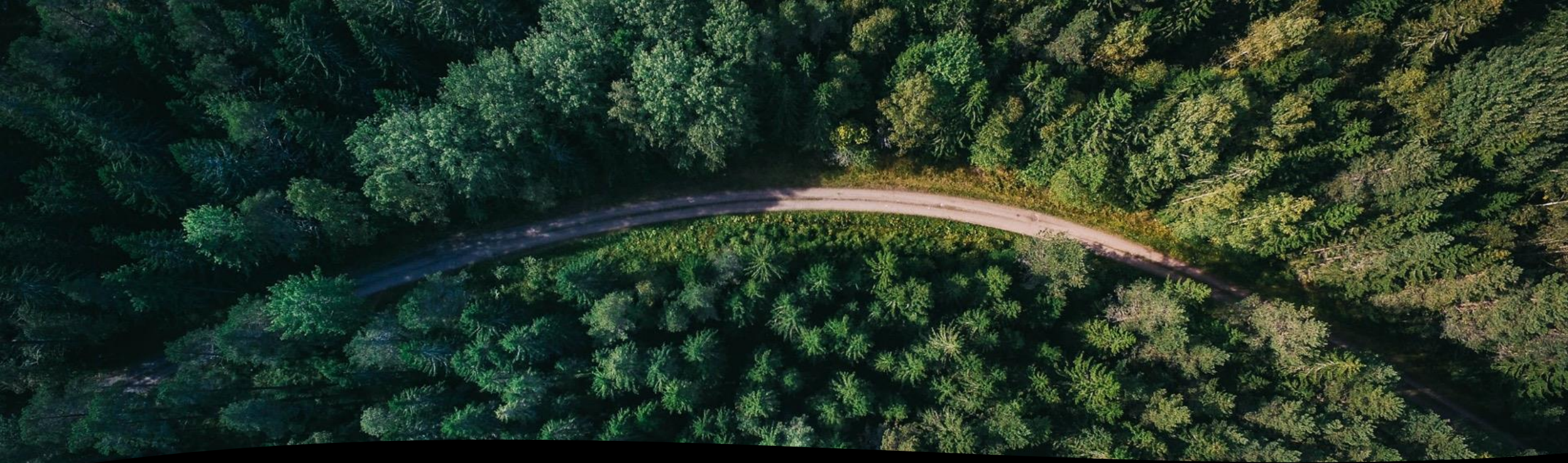
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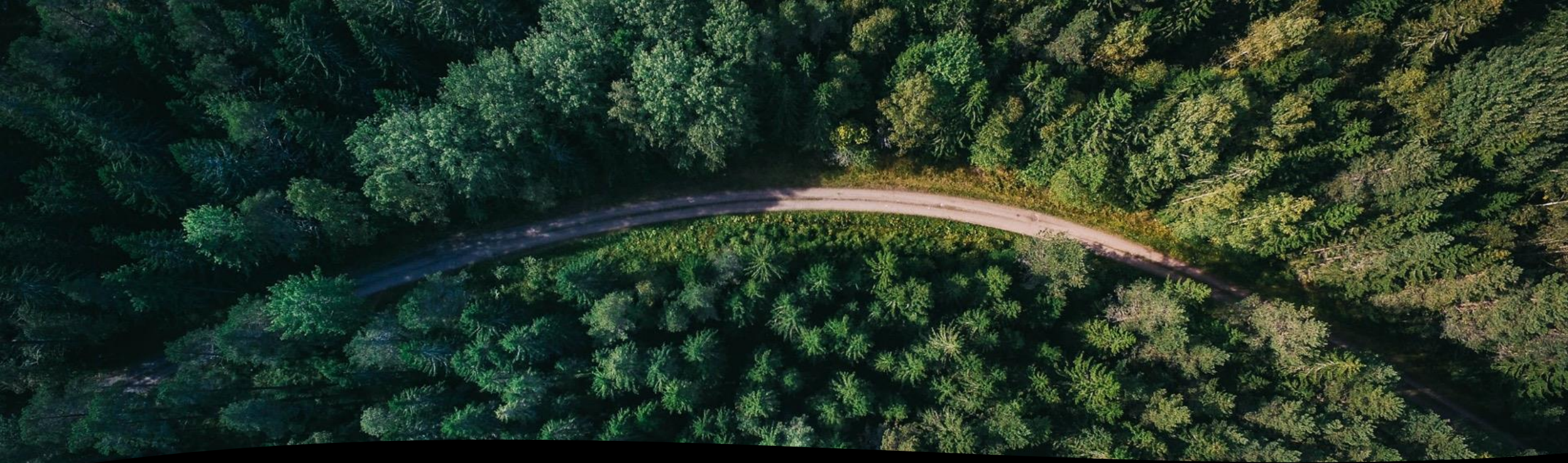






Jesus, our good shepherd, brings a banquet of life.





We offer what we can to Jesus, who will multiple it for good,  
because He is our good shepherd