

Feeding the Multitude

John 6:1-15

TEXT: John 6:

1 After these things Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias. 2 And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased.

3 And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples. 4 And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh.

5 When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?

6 And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do.

7 Philip answered him,

Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little.

8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him,

9 There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?

10 And Jesus said,

Make the men sit down.

Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

11 And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would. 12 When they were filled, he said unto his disciples,

Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.

13 Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.

14 Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said,

This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.

15 Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

The Story:

“After these things”

Jesus leads the disciples to a private place

The crowds followed on shore

Jesus receives the crowd with compassion

Jesus asks Philip about providing food for the crowd

Jesus provides food for the multitude (5,000 +)

The crowd believes that Jesus is the fulfillment of
prophecy

The Lessons:

1. Go to a private place for refreshment.

Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place,
and rest a while

2. Availability

Learning to be flexible with God's timing

3. Discover our own heart

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Deut 8:2

And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.

The Lessons:

4. Give what you have

5. God's provision is more than sufficient