

JESUS FEEDS THE FIVE THOUSAND JOHN 6:1-15

PLEASE OPEN YOUR BIBLES TO JOHN CHAPTER 6. TODAY WE WILL SEE JESUS PERFORM HIS FOURTH RECORDED MIRACLE IN JOHN'S GOSPEL. SO FAR, JESUS HAS TURNED WATER INTO WINE, HEALED A BOY FROM 20 MILES AWAY WITH JUST A WORD, AND HEALED A PARALYTIC MAN. EVERY MIRACLE PERFORMED BY JESUS IS MAGNIFICANT AND SUPERNATURAL HOWEVER, THIS FOURTH MIRACLE IS SO MIND BLOWING AND SIGNIFICANT THAT IT IS RECORDED IN ALL FOUR GOSPELS. JESUS WILL FEED A MASSIVE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE WITH VERY LITTLE SUSTENANCE. JOHN'S WHOLE POINT OF HIS GOSPEL IS TO GIVE EVIDENCE OF JESUS' DIETY. THAT THE READER WOULD BELIEVE THAT HE IS THE MESSIAH AND THAT BY BELIEVING TRUTH, THE READER WOULD HAVE ETERNAL LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS. THERE HAS NEVER BEEN, NOR WILL THERE EVER BE ANYONE LIKE JESUS. THE SON OF GOD STEPPED OUT OF GLORY TO BECOME ONE OF US. HIS PERFECT LIFE IN THOUGHT, WORD, AND DEED WOULD BE CRUCIFIED FOR THE SINS OF MANKIND. A SUBSTITUTIONARY DEATH FOR THE SINNER. SO THAT, PEOPLE WHO TRUST HIM COULD HAVE ETERNAL RESSURECTED LIFE WITH HIM. THIS IS LOVE. JESUS GAVE US A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF SUBMISSION AND OBEDIENCE TO GOD THE FATHER. MAY WE HAVE EARS TO HEAR TODAY, THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN STRONG FAITH AND UNBELIEF.

LET'S GET STARTED

John 6:1-15 NIV

6 Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), ² and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. ³ Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. ⁴ The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

⁵ When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶ He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

⁷ Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"

⁸ Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, ⁹ "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"

¹⁰ Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). ¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

¹² When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." ¹³ So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

¹⁴ After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the

world.” ¹⁵ Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

John 6:1-2 NIV

6 Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), ² and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick.

THIS WOULD BE 6 MONTHS TO A YEAR AFTER JOHN'S LAST ACCOUNT IN CHAPTER 5. WE LEARN BY READING THE SYNOPTIC GOSPELS THAT JESUS HAD BEEN TEACHING AND HEALING CONSTANTLY OVER THIS TIME. HE ALSO HAS SENT OUT THE 12, 2 BY 2 TO EVANGELIZE.

JESUS HAS JUST FOUND OUT THAT JOHN THE BAPTIST HAS BEEN BEHEADED, SO HE GRABS THE DISCIPLES, GETS ON A BOAT IN THE REGION OF CAPERNAUM, AND BEGINS TO HEAD FOR A SECLUDED PLACE NEAR BETHSAIDA

SHOW SLIDE

PEOPLE WALKED/RAN ALONG THE SHORE TO FOLLOW JESUS

THE SEA OF GALILEE IS A LAKE 13 X 7 MILES, 600 FT. BELOW SEA LEVEL AND IS OFTEN AGITATED BY SUDDEN VIOLENT STORMS

UNFORTUNATELY, MANY OF THESE PEOPLE WERE JUST FOLLOWING JESUS FOR HIS MIRACLES

John 6:3-4 NIV

³ Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. ⁴ The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

IT IS SPRINGTIME, IF IN CHAPTER 5 THE FESTIVAL WAS FEAST OF TABERNACLES = 6 MONTHS, PASSOVER = 1 YEAR PREVIOUS

JESUS USES MOUNTAINSIDES TO TEACH FROM, INITIALLY THE TIME WOULD BE SPENT WITH THE 12 BUT THE SCENE CHANGES QUICKLY

John 6:5-6 NIV

⁵ When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶ He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

GOD TESTS US NOT TO MAKE US BITTER, BUT TO MAKE US BETTER. HE ALLOWS TESTS TO OCCUR SO OUR FAITH GROWS STRONGER.

Mark 6:34 NIV

³⁴ 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.

Matthew 14:15-16 NIV

¹⁵ As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the

crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.” ¹⁶ Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

WE KNOW JESUS HAS BEEN TEACHING AND HEALING THE SICK ALL DAY, THEN JESUS BEGINS THE TEACHING MOMENT FOR THE 12 BEGINNING WITH PHILIP....YOU FEED THEM

John 6:7-9 NIV

⁷ Philip answered him, “It would take more than half a year’s wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!”

⁸ Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, spoke up, ⁹ “Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?”

200 DENARI = ONE DENARI PER DAY OF WORK, SARCASM FROM PHILIP

Mark 6:38 NIV

³⁸ “How many loaves do you have?” he asked. “Go and see.” When they found out, they said, “Five—and two fish.”

WE FOUND A KID THAT BROUGHT HIS LUNCH AND HE’S WILLING TO SHARE!! BUT HOW CAN WE SUCCEED WITH THIS? ANDREW ALONG WITH THE REST IS STILL FOCUSSED ON THE PHYSICAL LACK...JESUS ASKS FOR WHAT THEY HAVE

5 BARLEY BISCUITS (FOOD FOR POOR PEOPLE) AND 2 PICKLED FISH/SARDINES (TO MAKE THE BISCUITS TASTE BETTER)

THE FIRST STEP IS NOT TO MEASURE OUR RESOURCES, BUT TO DETERMINE GOD'S WILL AND TRUST HIM TO MEET THE NEED

WE MUST YIELD WHAT WE HAVE, NOT WHAT WE DON'T HAVE
NO MORE EXUSES FOR INADEQUACY, WE ARE ALL INADEQUATE

WE MUST HAVE FAITH LIKE THAT LITTLE BOY

John 6:10 NIV

¹⁰ Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there).

JESUS IS WORKING IN AND THROUGH HIS DISCIPLES
5K MEN PLUS WOMEN AND CHILDREN, PROBABLY 10-20K

Luke 9:15 NIV

¹⁵ The disciples did so, and everyone sat down.

OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S WORD IS ALWAYS THE RIGHT CHOICE,
EVEN WHEN YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT IS HAPPENING
YOUR FAITH MAY FAIL LIKE THE APOSTLES, OBEY ANYWAY

John 6:11 NIV

¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

CHRIST USES INADEQUATE PEOPLE WHO SURRENDER WHAT THEY HAVE TO HIM TO MEET THE OVWHELMING NEEDS OF OTHERS

ALL FOUR GOSPELS MENTION THAT JESUS, FIRST GAVE THANKS FOR WHAT HE HAD, TO GOD THE FATHER. THE SOURCE OF ALL BLESSING. THE MULTIPLICATION HAPPENED IN THE BREAKING

JESUS IS THE EXAMPLE TO SURRENDER WHAT WE HAVE TO GOD THE FATHER

IT HAS BEEN SAID “YOU DO WHAT YOU CAN, I’LL DO WHAT I CAN, AND GOD WILL DO WHAT WE CANNOT DO”

Matthew 14:18-19 NIV

¹⁸ “Bring them here to me,” he said. ¹⁹ And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BLESSING WAS DONE THROUGH PEOPLE...AS MUCH AS THEY WANTED TO EAT

John 6:12 NIV

¹² When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, “Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.”

WHEN EVERYONE WAS SATISFIED COMPLETELY, JESUS BEGAN TO STEWARD OVER THE EXTRA. NOTHING IS WASTED IN GOD'S ECONOMY...GOD'S BLESSINGS ARE COMPLETE

John 6:13 NIV

¹³ So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

1 BASKET OF LEFTOVERS FOR EACH APOSTLE, THERE IS EXTRA FOR THOSE WHO SERVE OTHERS

Ephesians 3:20-21 NIV

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

John 6:14-15 NIV

¹⁴ After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." ¹⁵ Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

UNFORTUNATLY, THESE PEOPLE BELIEVED JESUS WAS FROM GOD BUT WANTED HIM TO MAKE THEIR LIFE BETTER NOW BY MAKING HIM A KING TO OVERTHROW ROME

EVERY SINNER WANTS A MIRACLE, ONLY A TRUE DISCIPLE OF JESUS IS WILLING TO DIE TO THEMSELVES AND FOLLOW HIM

WHERE ARE SOME AREAS OF YOUR LIFE THAT NEED TO BE YIELDED TO GOD,BROKEN, AND SHARED WITH OTHERS?

ARE YOU WILLING TO COUNT THE COST, DENY YOURSELF AND FOLLOW JESUS NO MATTER WHAT?

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