

Feeding of the 5000

Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-14

The Feeding of the 5000 is the only _____ recorded in all four Gospels. This reveals the importance the Holy Spirit put on it when setting the details of Jesus' life and ministry in the Scripture. All believers should carefully study this event!

Why is this miracle so important in the timeline of Jesus?

1. Christ's "Bread of Life" _____ was given in response to this miracle.
2. Christ used it as the turning point in His ministry focus.
3. Christ shows His great _____ and ability to relieve _____.
4. Christ shows His great _____ ability.
5. Christ continues to build the disciples _____ in His power.
6. Christ ultimately shows His _____.

10 Facts Found in all 4 Gospels

1. _____ place
2. Great _____
3. No _____ available
4. Five _____ and two _____
5. People _____ down in orderly groups
6. Jesus gave _____ and "break it"
7. _____ handed it out
8. Everyone was _____
9. Disciples picked up 12 baskets of _____
10. _____ men ate

"And the apostles ("when they were returned," Luke 9:10) gathered themselves together unto Jesus, and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught. ³¹ And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to _____. ³² And they departed into a desert place ("belonging to the city

called Bethsaida.” Luke 9:10) by ship privately (“over the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias.” John 6:1). ³³And the people (“a _____ multitude” John 6:2) saw them departing, and many _____ him, and _____ afoot thither out of all cities, and outwent them, and came together unto him. (“_____ they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased. ³And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples. ⁴And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh.” John 6:2-4)” Mark 6:30-33

I. Jesus Withdrew with the Disciples

1. The disciples gave a _____ of their ministry trip.
2. Rest away from the demands of _____.
3. Move out of the territory of Herod Antipas.

II. Location – Desert Place

1. Near Bethsaida – Luke 9:10
2. On the coast of “Sea of Tiberias”
3. Jesus and the disciples took a _____
4. Time of Year – Spring (Green grass – Mark 6:39; Passover – John 6:4)

III. Great Crowd Followed Jesus

1. They followed Him on _____
2. They came because of Jesus’ healing miracles!
3. They came from _____ in the area.

“And Jesus, when he came out, (“lifted up his eyes,” John 6:5) saw much people (“great multitude,” Matt. 14:14; “great company” John 6:5) and was moved with _____ toward them because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: (“and he _____ them, and _____ unto them of the kingdom of God,” Luke 9:11)and he began to _____ them many things (“and he _____ their sick” Matt. 14:14). ³⁵ And when the day was now far spent (“when it was evening,” Matt. 14:15), his disciples came unto him, and said, This is a desert place, and now the time is far passed: ³⁶ Send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread (“and lodge” Luke 9:12): for they have nothing to eat. ³⁷ He answered and said unto them, Give _____ them to eat. (“They need not depart;” Matt. 14:16; “he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? ⁶ And this he said to prove (Gk - _____) 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. John 6:5-7) And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat?” Mark 6:34-37

IV. Jesus’ Reaction to the Great Crowds.

1. Jesus had _____ on them.
 - Jesus saw them as _____ sheep.
 - Jesus “received” them - _____ them.

2. Jesus _____ them of the _____ of God.

3. Jesus _____ them of their _____.

V. Reactions Concerning the Need for Food. “evening” –

1. Disciples –
 - “_____ them away”
 - “two _____ pennyworth”

2. Jesus –

- “They need not depart; give ye them to _____” –

- Discussion with Philip -

“Stage set for a miracle! Impossible situation – great need!”

“(“He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? Go and see.” Mark 6:38) One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him, ⁹There is a _____ here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many? (“He said, Bring them hither to me.” Matt. 14:18) ¹⁰And Jesus said (“commanded” Mark 6:39), Make the men sit down (“on the grass,” Matt. 14:19; “by fifties in a company.” Luke 9:14; “And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and my fifties.” Mark 6:40). Now there was much (“green” Mark 6:39) grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand (“beside women and children.” Matt. 14:21). ¹¹And Jesus took the loaves; (“he looked up to heaven, and blessed (“them” Luke 9:16),” Mark 6:41) and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them (“the multitude” Luke 9:16) that were set down; and likewise of the fishes (“divided he among them all.” Mark 6:41) as much as they would. (“And they did _____ eat,” Mark 6: 42) ¹²When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. ¹³Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets (“_____” Matt. 14:20) with the fragments of the five barley loaves (“and of the fishes.” Mark 6:43), which remained over and above unto them that had eaten. ¹⁴Then those men, which they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet (lit. _____) that should come into the world.” John 6:8-14

VI. Five loaves and two fishes –

1. Jesus asked, “How many loaves have ye?”

- Andrew –

- Lad –

2. Meager meal –

VII. The orderliness of Jesus

1. How was this done?
2. Why was this done?

VIII. The miracle

1. Begins with _____.
2. Jesus _____ created _____ for every person there.
3. Disciples _____ the food.
4. Everyone was “_____”.
5. _____ baskets were picked up.

“Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that _____ that should come into the world. When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a _____, he departed again into a mountain himself alone.” John 6:14-15

IX. Reaction of the Crowd

1. Recognized Jesus as the _____.

2. Desired to make Him their _____.

Believers Application:

1. Please, don't be surprised when God gives you work to do during your _____ time!

2. Though the great multitude sought Christ for the wrong reason, they were _____ and _____ hardship to see Him. Do we have a drive and desire to _____ with Christ?

3. Be careful not to _____ God what to do.

4. Be careful not to _____ God is with you.

5. Be careful not to _____ the needy away.

6. The nature of ministry –

- Feed the _____ starving –

- Provide for the _____ needy

7. Trust God for personal _____ and also for _____, _____ needs!

Answer these questions from the Feeding of the 5000!

“Where shall we _____ bread?” John 6:5 –

“What are they among so many?” John 6:9 –

“Shall we buy _____ of bread and give them to _____?” Mark 6:37 –

“How many _____ have ye?” Mark 6:38 –

2 fish + 3 loaves + Jesus = 8000+ people feed + 12 baskets leftover + a great lesson in faith given