The Gospel of John: That You Might Believe "Feeding The Five Thousand"

(John 6:1-14)

Introduction:

- 1. The power that Jesus possessed while on earth was not for our cheap entertainment and thrill, but was confirmation of his claims.
- 2. John stated that sufficient miracles were performed to convince men that Jesus was the Son of God.
- 3. (Acts 2:22).
- 4. Let's examine the encounter Jesus once had with 5000 men.

I. Background To This Miracle

- A. John the Baptist has been beheaded by Herod (Matthew 14:1-12).
- B. Jesus hears of this and seeks some solitude (Mt. 14:13).
- C. Instead, a great multitude follows him (Mt. 14:13-14).
- D. Jesus had compassion on them and healed their sick and offered to feed them (Mt. 14:14-21).
- E. Having only 5 loaves and 2 fish, Jesus fed the multitude and had twelve baskets full of leftovers.
- F. The result was belief! "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world." (John 6:14).

II. Lessons From This Miracle

- A. Jesus is able to meet our needs (Ephesians 3:20; Hebrews 13:5-6; Psalm 37:25; Romans 8:28).
- B. Jesus is compassionate.
 - 1. He healed the sick, fed their bodies, and soul.
 - 2. People were more than just an inconvenience to Jesus.
 - 3. (James 1:27; Galatians 6:10).
- C. Jesus can do great things with what little we possess.
 - 1. (John 6:9).
 - 2. (Matthew 25:31-46; Mark 9:41).
 - 3. Aaron's rod, David's sling, this boy's loaves and fish, and then there's you.

Conclusion:

- 1. This passage records a great miracle of Jesus.
- 2. The witnesses verify it truthfulness.
- 3. The question is: How will you respond to Jesus, who has proven himself to be the Son of God by the signs, wonders, and miracles?

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"Many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples which are not written in this book, but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name"

(John 20:30-31).

<u>Responses To</u> <u>The Identity of Jesus</u>

- The Identity of Jesus
- The Woman at the Well
- The Believing Nobleman
- The Jews
- The Five Thousand
- The Adulterous Woman
- The Blind Man
- Lazarus
- Pilate
- Thomas
- Peter

The Fourfold Witness

- John The Baptist
- The Works of Jesus
- The Father
- The Scriptures

The Claims of Jesus

- I Am The Bread of Life
- I Am The Light of the World
- I Am The Door
- I Am The Good Shepherd
- I Am The Resurrection and Life
- I Am The Way, Truth, & Life
 - I Am The True Vine

Today's Lessons:

- A.M. Feeding the 5000
- P.M. I Am The Bread of Life