

d. List and describe the events of this day.

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e. These accounts show us that Christ did more than just physically feed five thousand people. What else did He do?

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f. What do we learn about Christ from these scriptures? What attributes of His are on display? For example, reread Matthew 14:14 and Matthew 14:19.

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g. What effect did Christ have on those who were fed? What about the effect on His disciples? Did He make a lasting imprint?

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2. Read John 6:35. What lasting imprint has Christ made in your life?

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sermon notes

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SERMON SERIES: DINNER WITH JESUS

TODAY'S SERMON: LEFTOVERS

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 6:1-14; MATTHEW 14:13-21; MARK 6:32-44; LUKE 9:10-17

The feeding of the five thousand is the one miracle along with the resurrection that is included in all four gospels.

The crowd was great, so the need was great.

1 the dilemma

Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do. Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little."

John 6:5-7 (NKJV)

- You must first acknowledge that the need exceeds your ability.
- The right question: How will God meet this need?

2 the solution

One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?" Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed *them* to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted.

John 6:8-11 (NKJV)

- Jesus will work with what you offer Him in faith.
- "given thanks" is from the Greek word from which we get the word, "eucharist." It's important that we are grateful before we receive the miracle.

He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples...

Matthew 14:19b (NKJV)

- You must be broken if you are going to experience a miracle.

3 the results

So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost." Therefore they gathered *them* up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten.

John 6:12-13 (NKJV)

- God's math is multiplication.
- God loves leftovers.

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, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV)

True abundance isn't the physical bread that Jesus provided. True abundance is Christ Himself.

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

John 6:35 (NIV)

study notes

1. Each of the four gospels presents the account of Christ feeding the five thousand. Select separate members from your group to read aloud each of the following scriptures: Matthew 14:13-21; John 6:1-14; Luke 9:10-17; Mark 6:32-44. Have them keep their bibles open to these separate accounts so that you can go back and reference each of them.

Each account covers distinct details that we should not overlook. Working together with your group, combine the accounts into a list form (perhaps on a large sheet of paper that everyone can see) answering the following questions:

a. Who was involved in this account?

b. Where did it take place? Where was Jesus beforehand?

c. Why were the people so eager to see Christ?