

“The Miracle of the Abundance of Bread”

John 6:1-15

Jesus Christ provides a feast for a vast multitude.

1. Preparations for a Great Feast!

vv. 5-9

(1) The Guests 5a

*“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?’”*

- A great multitude!

- cf. v. 10 about 5000 men
- estimated 10,000 to 15,000 persons

- Following Jesus because they were seeing the signs which He was doing (v.2)

- Our Lord’s kindness and compassion

(2) The Tests 5b-9

*“He said to Philip, ‘Where shall we buy bread,
that these may eat?’”*

-1- The Disciples’ Testimony: “Impossible!”

- **Philip:** *“Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them,
that every one of them may have a little.”*

- 200 days wages
- Not enough for each to have a little!

-2- The Disciples’ Resources: “A Pittance!”

- **Andrew:** *“There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish,
but what are they among so many?”*

(1) The Miracle (10-13)

-1- Our Lord’s Directive 10

“Make the people sit down.”

- carried out by the disciples

-2- Miraculous Provision 11-12

*“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 the fish, as much as they wanted.”*

- From the five loaves and two fish
- A divinely powerful multiplication of quantity

-3- Administered by the Disciples

-4- An Abundance!

- “All you can eat!” *“as much as they wanted”*

- Much left over!

*“Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is
lost.”*
*“they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets
with the fragments of the five barley loaves”*

(2) The Response (14-15)

“This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world.”

- The recognition of a world-changing event in our Lord’s coming
- The prophet referred to by Moses in Deut. 18:15

- Here we see belief of a kind – but apparently not saving faith
- They would make Him a king; but a king after their own fashioning!

3. The Significance

2. The Great Feast Provided!

vv. 10-15