

FEEDING THE FIVE THOUSAND  
(John 6:1-15)

- I. The MULTITUDE'S Persistence (John 6:1-4)
  - A. Jesus withdrew to the FAR SIDE of the Sea of Galilee (6:1)
  - B. A crowd FOLLOWED them to their destination (6:2)
  - C. Jesus sat with His disciples on the MOUNTAINSIDE (6:3)
  - D. It was nearly time for PASSOVER (6:4)
  
- II. The MASTER'S Examination (John 6:5-9)
  - A. Jesus acknowledged the LARGE CROWD thronging to Him (6:5a)
  - B. Jesus TESTS Philip (6:5b-7)
    - 1. Jesus asks, "Where can WE BUY sufficient bread to feed them?"
    - 2. Philip says, "We can't AFFORD it"
    - 3. Philip FAILED the test
  - C. Andrew reported on the FOOD SUPPLY (6:8-9)
    - 1. They had five loaves of BARLEY and two small FISH
    - 2. He knew they were NOT ENOUGH to feed the crowd
    - 3. The lesson is NOT, *Get what you can from your AUDIENCE and trust Jesus to MULTIPLY it*
    - 4. The lesson is, *You will not be able to meet the needs of the people out of your own RESOURCES, but if you give all you have to the Lord, He will make it more than SUFFICIENT*

III. The MIRACULOUS Provision (John 6:10-13)

- A. He had them SEAT the crowd
- B. There were about FIVE THOUSAND present
- C. Jesus DISTRIBUTED the food the DISICPLES provided
  - 1. He GAVE THANKS
  - 2. The people ate “as MUCH as they WANTED”
- D. Jesus had the disciples gather the FRAGMENTS
  - 1. Nothing was to be WASTED
  - 2. They collected TWELVE BASKETS full

IV. The MISTAKEN Anticipation (John 6:14-15)

- A. The people called Jesus “the PROPHET who is to come”
- B. They intended to FORCE Him to claim the KINGDOM (cf. Matt. 4:8-9)