

Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"
"Sufficiency Of Christ"
Luke 9:10-17
Study-36

"The Feeding Of The 5,000" is the only miracle (Exception of the Resurrection) that all 4 Gospels record, **Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-14**

"The Feeding Of The 5,000" Is not to be confused with the **"Feeding Of The 4,000"** **Matthew 15:32-39; Mark 8:1-9** People had been with Jesus for 3 days!

The Feeding Of The 5,000 was not a necessity: Jesus Christ Has Unlimited Resources To Meet Mankind.

Jesus Feeds The Multitude With Bread: Jesus Is The Bread That Was Broken To Meet Man's Greatest Need. Psalm 132:15

Luke 9:1-50 Conclusion Of Jesus' Galilean Ministry

Thought Of Our Passage: "Ministry Always Demands More Than What We Can Give, But God's Plan Is To Supply What Is Needed"

- 1. Verses – 10-11 Busy Time**
- 2. Verses – 12-13 Pressing Need**
- 3. Verses – 14-17 Full Supply**

1. Verses 10-11 Busy Time

Luke 9:10 And when the apostles returned, Context – Jesus had sent (Commissioned) the disciples **Luke 9:1-9** All 3 Gospels record the sending out of the twelve - This took place near the end of the Galilean ministry.

The term **apostles** - This is the first time that the disciples are called "**Apostles**" They have been sent, with a message but now they retain the title as "**Apostles**"

they gave an account – "*declared*" *related everything throughout, gave a narrative to the end*" **to Him of all that they had done.** That is the crucial part of ministry is gathering around Jesus.

Taking them with Him, He withdrew by Himself to a city

Jesus was in Capernaum and they were going to sail by boat to Bethsaida which is on the East side of the sea. That is a distance by sea about 4 miles and on land it is 8-10 miles. **Mark 6:31-32**

Our Relationship With Jesus Can Suffer:
Our Relationship With Others Can Suffer:

called **Bethsaida** North-Eastern city. Matthew, Mark says, "desert place" sparsely populated. Peter, Andrew, Philip and Nathaniel, **John 1:43-44**

Feeding The 5,000 Is One Of The Greatest Of Miracles, Witnessed By Thousands. Miracle Took Place In Bethsaida, and Bethsaida Was Judged Because Of It! Luke 10:13

John 6:14-15 The next day, Jesus preached a sermon on "The Bread of Life" (**John 6:22-59**), people were more interested in their stomachs than their souls.

Luke 9:11 But the multitudes Luke 9:14 (For there were about five thousand men.)

and welcoming them, Mark 6:34 He felt compassion for them literally - "to be gripped or wrenched with compassion" 9X this is said of Jesus! (Effects of sin) Jesus Is The Model For Our Character/Behavior In Ministry: Jesus was never annoyed by people with needs.

Jesus Always Places The Spiritual Need First; about the kingdom of God and curing those who had need of healing. Jesus cared about the temporal, current.

2. Verses 12-13 Pressing Need

Luke 9:12 Now the day was ending, with Jesus the better part of a day.

and the twelve came and said to Him, "Send the crowd away, That is the human thing to do. (Late, Desolate Place) We can't meet the need.

Note: The disciples really care about the people! (must be hungry)

Disciples tell Jesus what to do! They fail to ask Him what to do!

Do It Yourself Method: (Self-Help) that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside and find lodging and get something to eat;

We still look past Jesus, we don't seek Him, ask what to do but fend for yourself!

The Disciples send them away. God help us not to send people away that are coming to us as representatives of God.

Luke 9:13 But He said to them, "You give them something to eat!" Jesus actually gives a command to feed them. Why did He say this? (**Puts it back on them!**)

1. Jesus Wanted The Disciples To See Their Helplessness.
2. Seeing Their Helplessness Would Force Them To Look To Jesus.
3. Opportunity For The Disciples To Trust God And God Would Be Glorified Through It.

Jesus always commands the impossible, Because He intends to do the work. Mark 6:37

John 6:5 said it was **Philip**, Jesus was testing Philip to see if he would look to Jesus to meet the need.

Jesus' question is clearly designed to set before Philip a predicament that had no human solution.

denarii - a day's wage. Is equivalent to 17-20 Cents.

"If we had this much money, we could do this!" The question is, what is God's will; because in God's will, He will provide.

"The disciples talk of buying what they have not, but Jesus thinks of blessing what they have."

And they said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish,

John 6:9 It was **Andrew** that found a little boy that had 5 barley loaves and 2 fish. **2 Kings 4:42-44** Elisha fed all his men (100) with 20 loaves and ears of grain, with leftovers.

"five loaves" - These loaves were the size of a flat bun. It was made probably of barley, the poor man's bread, the cheapest grain.

"two fish" - Were dried little sardines that were placed on the bread like relish.

Jesus did not have to have the loaves and fish, but he loves to use us.

2 Corinthians 4:7

3. Verses 14-17 Full Supply

Luke 9:14 (For there were about five thousand men.) about 20-25,000

"Have them sit down to eat in groups of about fifty each." **Mark 6:39** groups on the green grass. **John 6:4** after Passover. **Psalm 23:1-2**

Mark 6:40 And they reclined in companies of **hundreds** and of **fifties**. God is a God of order. **1 Corinthians 14:40**

Luke 9:15 They did so and had them all sit down. "The disciples obeyed Jesus"

Luke 9:16 Then He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven,

That is what we need to do to, place what we have in the hands of Jesus

He blessed them, - If we would look up, we would also bless too. It is when we look up and receive, we then will bless Him in return.

and broke them, Jesus is the bread of life that was broken that we may take and live.

and kept giving them to the disciples to set before the people. If we look, we will bless, we will then have something to give.

“We Are Not Manufacturers But We Are Distributors”

Luke 9:17 And they all ate and were satisfied; *“to be filled up, to be full, to fatten”* We would say, *“we’re gluttoned!”* **Colossians 2:9-10**

The next day, Jesus preached a sermon on “the bread of life” **(John 6:22-59)**

twelve baskets full. Number twelve – government, Israel.

Application

1. We Must Ask Jesus As To How He Would Have Us Feed The Hungry Multitudes
2. As God’s Disciples We Have The Unique Privilege Of Being Channels Of God’s Blessings
3. Jesus Is The Bread Of Life, And Only Jesus Can Satisfy The Spiritual Hunger In Man’s Soul
4. When We Offer To Jesus What We Have, We Never Loose. It Is More Blessed To Give Than To Receive