



## The Gospel of Matthew

### *"Feeding the Five Thousand"*

Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard it, He withdrew from there in a boat, to a lonely place by Himself; and when the multitudes heard of this, they followed Him on foot from the cities.

And when He went ashore, He saw a great multitude, and felt compassion for them, and healed their sick.

And when it was evening, the disciples came to Him, saying, "The place is desolate, and the time is already past; so send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves."

But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away; you give them something to eat!"

And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish."

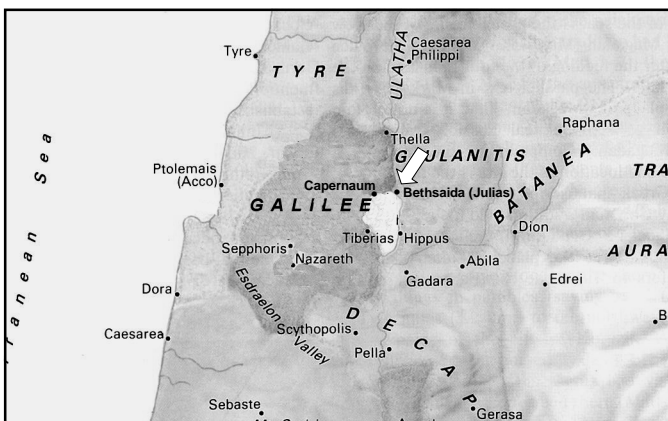
And He said, "Bring them here to Me."

And ordering the multitude to recline on the grass, He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up toward heaven, He blessed (God), and breaking the loaves He gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the multitudes,

and they all ate, and were satisfied. And they picked up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve full baskets.

And there were about five thousand men who ate, aside from the women and children.

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### Observations:

#### 1. The compassion of Jesus

- He was moved with pity not annoyance when He saw the needs of the multitude



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2. The participation of the disciples
  - Jesus performed this miracle primarily to instruct His disciples



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### Observations:

3. The unique creation miracle
  - Jesus fed five thousand men (in addition to women and children) from five loaves and two fish with twelve full baskets left over!



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### Lessons:

1. Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God
  - unprecedented miracle – paralleled only by manna in the wilderness
  - God is abundantly providing deliverance for His people through Jesus



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### Lessons:

2. Jesus is more than sufficient for every need
  - satisfied stomachs point to the deeper, greater satisfaction Jesus brings – relationship to God in Christ



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### Lessons:

3. Jesus supplies our needs for ministry
  - we are inadequate in ourselves, unable to produce any spiritual fruit
  - Jesus is able to make us adequate and bear much fruit through Him



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### Lessons:

4. Jesus is able to do beyond what we can ask or think