



Feeding 5,000

(John 6:1–13)



Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee, and a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His miracles of healing. Jesus went to sit on a hill with His disciples. It was nearly time for the Passover festival.

When Jesus noticed a great crowd approaching, He asked Philip, “Where can we buy bread for all these people?” Jesus said this to test Philip, for He himself knew what He would do.

Philip said, “We do not have enough money to buy food to feed such a crowd.”

One of Jesus’ disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to Him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two small fishes, but what will that amount do for so many?”

And Jesus said, “Make the men sit down.” It was a grassy place, so the men sat down, nearly five thousand of them.

And Jesus took the loaves, and after He had given thanks, He distributed it to the disciples, and the disciples distributed to all those who were sitting; He also did that with the fish, and everyone ate all they wanted. After they had eaten, Jesus said to His disciples, “Gather up the remaining fragments, so nothing is lost.” Therefore they gathered the fragments and filled twelve baskets with what was left of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above what the people had eaten.

This story is also found in Matthew 14:15–21, Mark 6:35–44, and Luke 9:12–17.

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