

Poor Motives

After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. – **John 6:1-2**

No Small Distance

Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. – **John 6:3**

During a Festival

Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. – **John 6:4**

Impossible Task

Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. – **John 6:5-6**

Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little.” – **John 6:7**

One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?” – **John 6:8**

Jesus' Response

Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. [...]

[...] So also the fish, as much as they wanted. And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." [...]

[...] So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. – **John 6:10-13**

When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!" – **John 6:14**

Non-believing Crowd

For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. – **Matthew 5:45**

Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying hearts with food and gladness." – **Acts 14:17**

Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? – **Romans 2:4**

Believing Crowd

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