

Matthew 14:13-15 John 6:2-15, Mark 6:39-40

## The Miraculous Feeding of the 5000 +

*Look for Miracles in the Ends, not in the Means*

**Matthew 14:13** Now when Jesus heard about John, He withdrew from there in a boat to a secluded place by Himself; and when the people heard of this, they followed Him on foot from the cities

**John 6:2** A large crowd followed Him, because they ~~saw~~ **had seen** the signs which He was performing on those who were sick.

3 Then Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat down with His disciples.

4 Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was near.

**Matthew 14:14** When He went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and felt compassion for them and healed their sick.

15 When it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, "This place is desolate and the hour is already late; so send the crowds away, that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves."

**John 6:5** Therefore Jesus, lifting up His eyes and seeing that a large crowd was coming to Him, said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these may eat?"

7 Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, for everyone to receive a little."

8-9 One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, "There is a ~~lad~~ **little boy** here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are these for so many people?"

10 Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand

**Mark 6:39** And He commanded them all to sit down ~~by groups~~ **in garden beds** on the green grass.

**40** They sat down ~~in groups of hundreds and of fifties~~ **garden bed by garden bed in hundreds and fifties.**

**John 6:11** Jesus then took the loaves,

and having given thanks,

He distributed to those who were seated;

likewise also, ~~of the fish as much~~ **as much of the fish** as they wanted.

**12-13** When they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments so that nothing will be lost." So they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten.

**14-15** Therefore when the people saw the sign which He had performed, they said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world." So Jesus, perceiving that they were intending to come and take Him by force to make Him king, withdrew again to the mountain by Himself alone.

**Isaiah 40:31** Yet those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary.

**Psalm 89:13** Your hand is ~~mighty~~ **all powerful**, Your right hand is ~~exalted~~ **lifted up**.

**Psalm 92:4** You, O LORD, have made me glad by what You have done, I will sing for joy at the works of Your hands