

Lesson 30: John 6:3-15 (cont.)

1. Chapter 6 Theme: _____

2. Sign #4: *Read verses 3-13*

a. **The feeding of the 5000 is the only miracle that is recorded in all four Gospels.**

Therefore, we need to expand our scope beyond just John's Gospel and ask ourselves what is so special about this miracle that God wanted it included in all four of His Gospels.

“And the apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus, and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught” (Mark 6:30).

“And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat. And they departed into a desert place by ship privately” (Mark 6:31-32).

“And the people saw them departing, and many knew him, **and ran afoot thither out of all cities, and outwent them, and came together unto him**” (Mark 6:33).

“And the people, when they knew it, followed him: and he received them...” (Luke 9:11).

“And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them...” (Matthew 14:14).

“...and spake unto them of the kingdom of God...” (Luke 9:11).

“...and healed them that **had need** of healing” (Luke 9:11).

“And when the day was now far spent, his disciples came unto him, and said, This is a desert place, and now the time is far passed: **Send them away**, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread: for they have nothing to eat” (Mark 6:35-36).

“But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; **give ye them to eat**” (Matthew 14:16).

“...he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? And this he said **to prove him**: for he himself knew what he would do” (John 6:5-6).

“...And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat?” (Mark 6:37).

“Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little” (John 6:7).

“He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see....” (Mark 6:38).

“One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, saith unto him, There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?” (John 6:8-9).

“And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass. And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties. And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, *he looked up to heaven*, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples...” (Mark 6:39-41).

“...and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes *as much as they would. When they were filled...*” (John 6:11-12).

“...he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. Therefore they gathered them together, *and filled twelve baskets* with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten” (John 6:12-13).

b. Spiritual Lesson #3:

1) Why is this miracle included in John’s Gospel? What is John trying to show us about Jesus through this miracle?

a) *Read* John 6:11-12:

b) Jesus not only fed them, but He provided them with an “_____” _____.

c) **Sign #4 shows us that Jesus is the master over _____.**

1- Jesus can take the _____ of _____, like this little boy’s lunch, and turn it into the _____ of _____.

2- No one or nothing can give you _____ of life like Jesus can, but first you must _____ to him.

a- *Read* 2 Corinthians 9:8

b- Why two fishes and five loaves?

1] Two is the number for _____.

2] Five is the number for _____.

3] The Lord's _____ is out there just waiting for all those who choose to _____ with Him.

2) *Read* verses 14-15:

- a) What impact did this miracle have on the people?
 - b) How did Jesus react to the people's reaction?
 - c) Why did Jesus react this way to the people's reaction?
3. **Homework:** Read verses 16-21 and determine what sign #5 shows us about Jesus. Why was John inspired to include it in his gospel?