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**John’s Gospel: A Portrait of Jesus**

**Events that Reveal His Mission: Part 3**

**Feeding the 5000**

**John 6:1-15**

• This is God’s Word.

• It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction.

• It has God for its author,

• salvation for its end,

• and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter.

• It is the supreme source of truth

• for what we believe

• and how we live.

**After this, Jesus crossed over to the far side of the Sea of Galilee, also known as the Sea of Tiberias. A huge crowd kept following him wherever he went, because they saw his miraculous signs as he healed the sick. Then Jesus climbed a hill and sat down with his disciples around him. (It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover celebration.) Jesus soon saw a huge crowd of people coming to look for him. Turning to Philip, he asked, “Where can we buy bread to feed all these people?” He was testing Philip, for he already knew what he was going to do. Philip replied, “Even if we worked for months, we wouldn’t have enough money to feed them!” Then Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, spoke up. “There’s a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?” “Tell everyone to sit down,” Jesus said. So they all sat down on the grassy slopes. (The men alone numbered 5,000.) Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks to God, and distributed them to the people. Afterward he did the same with the fish. And they all ate as much as they wanted. After everyone was full, Jesus told his disciples, “Now gather the leftovers, so that nothing is wasted.” So they picked up the pieces and filled twelve baskets with scraps left by the people who had eaten from the five barley loaves. When the people saw him do this miraculous sign, they exclaimed, “Surely, he is the Prophet we have been expecting!” When Jesus saw that they were ready to force him to be their king, he slipped away into the hills by himself. John 6:1-15**

**Of all the miracles Jesus performed, this was the only one recorded in all four Gospels.**

**Whenever Jesus asks a question, it is never just a question; it is always a test.**

**Six Truths from the Loaves and Fish**

**1. When things seem impossible, instead of looking within or looking around, look to Jesus!**

**2. Jesus is much more interested in your availability than your capability.**

**3. If we want Jesus to do miracles in us and through us, we must give Him everything.**

**4. Jesus always leaves us with more than He takes from us.**

**5. Jesus didn’t come to earth to keep our stomachs from growling but our souls from perishing.**

**Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, you want to be with me because I fed you, not because you understood the miraculous signs. But don’t be so concerned about perishable things like food. Spend your energy seeking the eternal life that the Son of Man can give you. For God the Father has given me the seal of his approval.” John 6:26-27**

**6. If our relationship with Jesus is based on what He does rather than who He is, it will never last.**

**At this point many of his disciples turned away and deserted him. John 6:66**

**Is Jesus your Bread of Life?**