

## Matthew 14:13-21 **Jesus fed 5,000**

Jesus fed 5,000 men & women and children [Matthew 14:13-21, Mark 6:30-44, Luke 9:10-17, John 6:1-14]

### Jesus withdrew to find seclusion

13 When Jesus heard it, He departed from there by boat to a deserted place by Himself.

### The Multitude followed on foot

But when the multitudes heard it, they followed Him on foot from the cities.

### Out of compassion, Jesus ministered to the multitude

14 And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.

### Jesus fed 5,000 men + all the women and children

15 When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food."

16 But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." 17 And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." 18 He said, "Bring them here to Me." 19 Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. 20 So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. 21 Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children. NKJV

### Facts Revealed:

#### Jesus withdrew to find seclusion

- ✚ When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, He withdrew by boat to a deserted place which belonged to the city of Bethsaida to be alone. [Matthew 14:12-13, Luke 9:10]
- ✧ When constantly in the public eye, when you learn of loss of loved ones, it is best to withdraw for a time of seclusion with God.
- ✧ Jesus was constantly in the press of the multitude that followed His every move.
- ✧ John was a near kinsman to Jesus, their mothers were cousins (near kinsfolk). [Luke 1:36] KJV
- ✧ John was the one sent by God to introduce the ministry of Jesus and had been the one Jesus chose to baptize Him. [Matthew 3:1-17, Mark 1:1-11, Luke 1:1-30, 3:1-18, 21-22, John 1:36]
- ✧ Jesus and John both had the call of God on their hearts and would be by human standards at least as close as Jonathan and David, with a deep love for each other.
- ✧ Jesus had the utmost regard for John as evidenced by His message to the multitude after John had sent his disciples to Jesus with his question from prison. [Matthew 11:2-15]
- ✚ Passover Feast is nearing. [John 6:4]

#### The Multitude followed on foot

- ✚ When the multitudes, who knew about all the miracles Jesus had been doing, heard that He was heading to a deserted place by boat, they rushed on foot to meet Him at the point of His destination. [Matthew 14:13]
- ✧ People were so eager to take advantage of Jesus Who had the ability to meet their physical need, they were not mindful that He Himself had a need for His own solitude.
- ✧ The need and press of the multitude can quickly become overwhelming.

#### Out of compassion, Jesus ministered to the multitude

✠ When Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. [\[Matthew 14:14\]](#)

✧ The demonstration of a compassionate heart is when Jesus had His own need, yet He placed the needs of the multitude ahead of His Own.

Jesus fed 5,000 men + all the women and children [\[Matthew 14:15-21\]](#)

✠ When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food."

✧ The disciples were realistic and knew that they had not planned for such a crowd so they had no food for them all, and it was getting late in the evening.

✧ They recommended that the multitude be sent away so they could find provisions for themselves.

✠ Jesus took this occasion to demonstrate His likeness with Yehowah of the Old Testament Who provided bread for the Children of Israel for 40 years in the wilderness when He brought them out of Egypt to the Promised Land, again fulfilling Scripture. [\[Psalm 78:24-25, 105:40-41, Exodus 16:4, 35, Nehemiah 9:15\]](#)

✧ Jesus said, "They do not need to go away, you give them something to eat."

✧ There were only five loaves and two fish in the crowd.

✧ Looking up to Heaven, Jesus blessed and broke the five loaves and two fish and gave to the disciples to distribute to the multitude.

✧ By looking up to Heaven, Jesus pointed to the source of the miracle, giving all the glory to God the Father in Heaven. [\[Matthew 14:19\]](#)

✧ This then becomes more evidence as to the identity of Jesus as Yehowah of Israel.

✧ If there was only one woman and one child with each man, then the multitude had to number at least 15,000 people.

✧ From five loaves and two fish, Jesus fed the multitude and after they were all filled and satisfied, there were still twelve baskets full of fragments that remained.

✧ The miracle demonstrated that Jesus had full support from the Father in Heaven and from the Holy Spirit.

✠ After Jesus fed the 5,000, the people wanted to take Him by force and make Him king. [\[John 6:15\]](#)