

Multiplied Bread



John 6:1-14

1 After these things Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias.

2 And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased.

3 And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples.

4 And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh.

5 When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?

John 6:1-14 - continued

6 And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do.

7 Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little.

8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him,

9 There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?

John 6:1-14 - continued

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

11 And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.

12 When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.

John 6:1-14 - continued

13 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.

14 Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.

I. Introduction

A. This miracle is described in all four gospels

Leads to the discourse on the bread of life

John 6:35

And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

B. Three people mentioned in connection with this miracle

I. Philip – Focusing On The Least

John 6:5

When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?

A. We can identify with this problem

1. This is a problem of daily bread

2. Some are surprised that Christians have problems

John 16:33

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

I. Philip – Focusing On The Least

B. Jesus saw the problem before Philip did

John 6:6

And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do.

1. Nothing takes Jesus by surprise

Psalm 121:3-4

3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

2. The question to prove him

3. Jesus knew what He would do all the time

I. Philip – Focusing On The Least

John 6:7

Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little.

C. Philip's mind was bound by the problem

- 1. Many see only problems and focus on them**
- 2. Focusing on problems limits perspective**
- 3. He should have focused on the power of God**

John 2:11

This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

*Many Of Us Live
Far Below Our Potential*

II. Andrew – Finding For The Lord

John 6:8-9

8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him,

9 There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?

A. Some fret over problems, others find possibilities

II. Andrew – Finding For The Lord

B. Andrew as a finder

1. He found Peter after He found Jesus

John 1:40-41

40 One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

41 He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.

2. Often those who are newly converted are best finders

II. Andrew – Finding For The Lord

C. Andrew did not rule out any possibility

1. Even a small lunch

2. Elijah only needed a small cloud to expect rain

1 Kings 18:41-45

3. Whatever you have is enough for God

But will you let God have it?

III. The Lad That Gave All He Had

John 6:10-14

A. The struggle that precedes surrender

B. Consider the unrecorded struggles in this miracle

1. The struggle over the call to give his all

2. The struggle that called for the concern of others

3. The struggle that called for faith: he was hungry

C. The lunch given to Jesus

1. No lack when God is in the house

2. Multiplication is no problem with God the Creator

***You Cannot Lose When
Giving All To Jesus***