

Feeding Five Thousand

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¹ After this, Jesus crossed the
Sea of Galilee.

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² A huge crowd was following him because they saw the signs that he was performing by healing the sick.

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³ Jesus went up a mountain
and sat down there with his
disciples.

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⁴ Now the Passover, a Jewish festival, was near.

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5 So when Jesus looked up
and noticed a huge crowd
coming toward him,

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he asked Philip, “Where will we buy bread so that these people can eat?”

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⁶ He asked this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do.

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⁷ Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread wouldn’t be enough for each of them to have a little.”

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⁸ One of his disciples,
Andrew, Simon Peter's
brother, said to him,

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9 “There’s a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish—but what are they for so many?”

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¹⁰ Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” There was plenty of grass in that place; so they sat down.

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The men numbered about five thousand.

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¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and after giving thanks he distributed them to those who were seated—so also with the fish, as much as they wanted.

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¹² When they were full, he told his disciples, “Collect the leftovers so that nothing is wasted.”

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¹³ So they collected them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces from the five barley loaves that were left over by those who had eaten.

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¹⁴ When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, “This truly is the Prophet who is to come into the world.”

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¹⁵ Therefore, when Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

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The Fifth Sign:
Walking on the water

¹⁶ When evening came, his
disciples went down to the
sea,

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¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. Darkness had already set in, but Jesus had not yet come to them.

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¹⁸ A high wind arose, and the sea began to churn.

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¹⁹ After they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea. He was coming near the boat, and they were afraid.

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20 But he said to them,
“It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

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21 Then they were willing to take him on board, and at once the boat was at the shore where they were heading.

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**What is your
response?**

Let's
Pray

