

## John Chapter 6

Feeding of the 5000. Recorded in all four Gospels. John usually doesn't record what the others do.

Multitude follows because they saw miracles.

Sat to teach; position of authority.

Great crowd of common people. He shows compassion for them. Took care of their souls and bodies.

Directs the question to Philip. Philip had been with Him since the public ministry started and had seen many miracles. It was a test for him. Philip answers as if Christ is an ordinary man. He might have said that He could just feed them.

Uses food of the poor; barley loaves. Coarse compared to wheat. We should be thankful for whatever He gives us. Greek words are "small lad," "small loaves," and "very small fish." Andrew also has little faith.

Now Jesus sees if they will obey Him even if they don't have the faith. There is also the provision of the grass. 5000 men.

Jesus gives thanks. We should be thankful for our food whatever it is. Comes from Christ and His disciples distribute it. People ate all they wanted. His provision has no limit.

Nothing should be wasted. Gathered up large amount. Cup running over; abundance. Proof of an awesome miracle. The Prophet.

They want to make Him king. They knew that Messiah would be King and Prophet. But, they were excited about earthly and physical things. Thought His Kingdom was of this world. We seek Him to satisfy our physical needs. So He left.

V16: boat back to Capernaum. After the blessing comes a trial. Dark and storm. In the dark, the whole storm cannot be seen. Jesus was not with them; makes the storm and the fear worse. Seas quiet when they had left. Storms arise in time of tranquility. Far from the shore when they see Him.

He has power over nature. He comes to them in their time of darkness, trial, and fear. The sea is their problem and He is walking on it. <sup>20</sup>But He said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid."

He pulls away for a time then returns; Song of Songs. They had rowed hard but now when He is there the boat is at its destination.

V22: people knew that the disciples had gotten into a boat without Jesus, they did not know where He was, they came to Capernaum and wanted to know how He had gotten there. These were people who had eaten and now were searching for Him. They also knew that His disciples were there. They had a pleasant crossing compared to the disciples.

This was probably in the synagogue at Capernaum.

Shows that he reads hearts. He knows the true motives and reasons for everything that we do. They came because of what He had done for them not because of Who He was. Not for His teachings but the way He provided for their physical needs.

They should be concerned for the things of everlasting life. Similar message as the one to the Samaritan woman. Worldly things should not be our chief concern. Eternal things are for the benefit of our souls.

V27: the Son of Man provides this. We have to labor for it but He provides it.

What is His Authority? The Father has declared Jesus to be the Son of God and have the power. Full Authority and Mediator. Signs and wonders were the confirmation.