

Jesus Feeds More Than Five Thousand

6 Jesus later crossed to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (or the Sea of Tiberias). **2** A large crowd followed him because they saw the miracles that he performed for the sick. **3** Jesus went up a mountain and sat with his disciples. **4** The time for the Jewish Passover festival was near.

5 As Jesus saw a large crowd coming to him, he said to Philip, “Where can we buy bread for these people to eat?” **6** Jesus asked this question to test him. He already knew what he was going to do.

7 Philip answered, “We would need about a year’s wages to buy enough bread for each of them to have a piece.”

8 One of Jesus’ disciples, Andrew, who was Simon Peter’s brother, told him, **9** “A boy who has five loaves of barley bread and two small fish is here. But they won’t go very far for so many people.”

10 Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.”

The people had plenty of grass to sit on. (There were about 5,000 men in the crowd.)

11 Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to the people who were sitting there. He did the same thing with the fish. All the people ate as much as they wanted.

12 When the people were full, Jesus told his disciples, “Gather the leftover pieces so that nothing will be wasted.” **13** The disciples gathered the leftover pieces of bread and filled twelve baskets.

14 When the people saw the miracle Jesus performed, they said, “This man is certainly the prophet who is to come into the world.” **15** Jesus realized that the people intended to take him by force and make him king. So he returned to the mountain by himself.