

Word of God Speak! - Gospel of John Series 6a

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John 6:1-13

1 After this, Jesus crossed over to the far side of the Sea of Galilee, also known as the Sea of Tiberias.

2 A huge crowd kept following Him wherever He went, because they saw His miraculous signs as He healed the sick.

3 Then Jesus climbed a hill and sat down with His disciples around Him.

4 (It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover celebration.)

*5 Jesus soon saw a huge crowd of people coming to look for Him. Turning to Philip, He asked, **“Where can we buy bread to feed all these people?”***

6 He was testing Philip, for He already knew what He was going to do.

7 Philip replied, “Even if we worked for months, we wouldn’t have enough money to feed them!”

8 Then Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, spoke up.

9 “There’s a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?”

10 ***“Tell everyone to sit down,”** Jesus said. So they all sat down on the grassy slopes. (The men alone numbered about 5,000.)*

11 *Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks to God, and distributed them to the people. Afterward He did the same with the fish. And they all ate as much as they wanted.*

12 *After everyone was full, Jesus told His disciples, **“Now gather the leftovers, so that nothing is wasted.”***

13 *So they picked up the pieces and filled twelve baskets with scraps left by the people who had eaten from the five barley loaves.*

How many people were probably fed that day?

What did Jesus use to feed the people?

Who did Jesus use to distribute the food to the people?

What does vs. 6 tell us about this miracle and Jesus' working? *(See Prov. 17:3b)

Why does God test His people?

James 1:2-4

2 Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy.

3 For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow.

4 So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

What is the purpose of God's testing?

1 Peter 1:6-7

6 So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while.

7 These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.

John 6:5-7

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Does lack of money or resources keep you from trusting God's working?

Isaiah 55:1-2

1 "Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters;
And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat.
Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and
without price.

2 Why do you spend money for what is not bread,
And your wages for what does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good,
And let your soul delight itself in abundance.

John 6:8-9

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9 "There's a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?"

*(See Luke 9:12-13a, 1 Cor. 1:27)

John 6:10-14

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What can you learn from this miracle Jesus did?