

Jesus Provides

Matthew 14:13-21



Key Concept

Jesus is always able to provide for His people beyond what is needed.

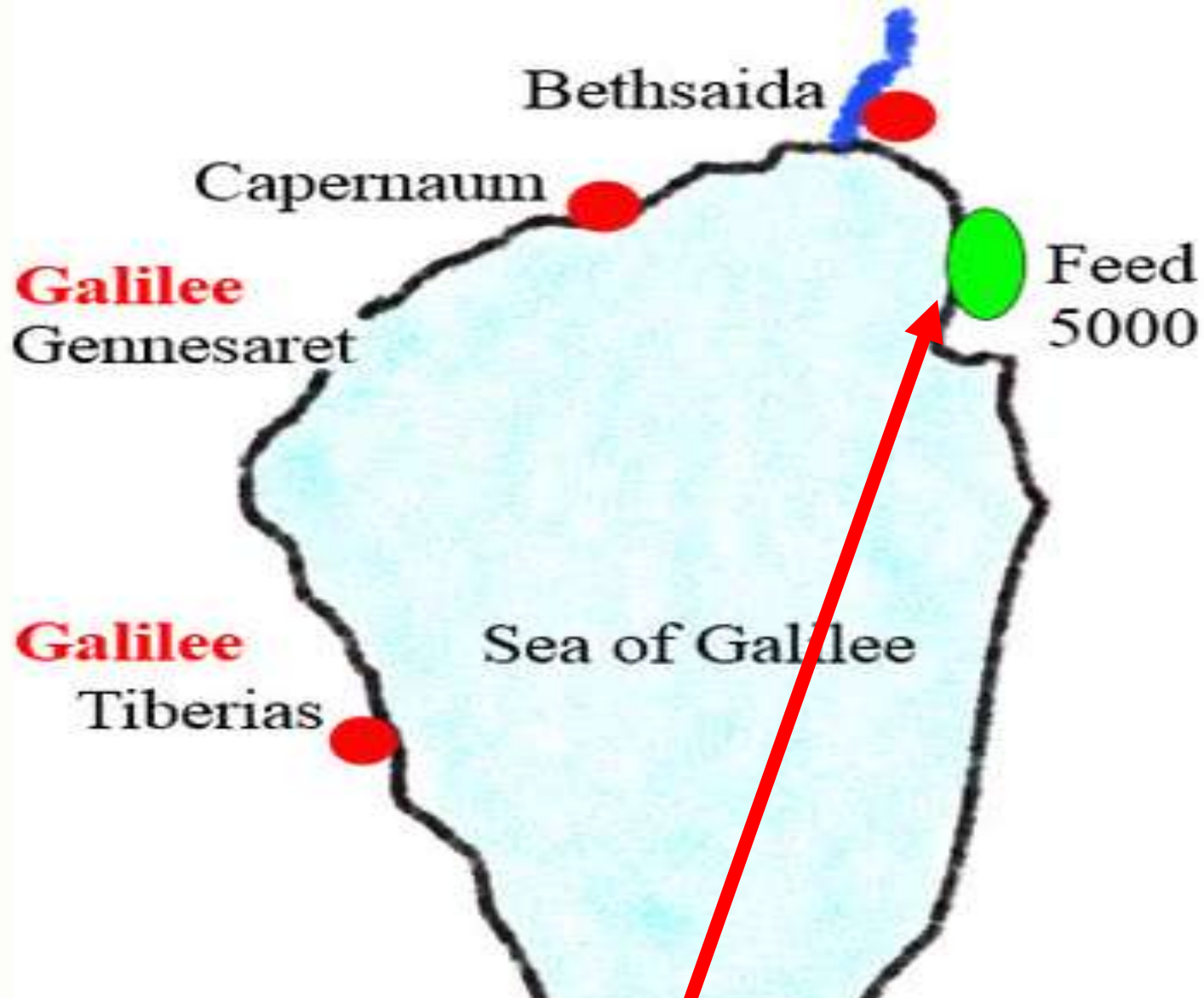
**Jesus teaches with many
parables
(Matt 13:1-53)**

**Jesus raises Lazarus from
the dead
(John 11:1-44)**

**Jesus walks on water
(Matt 14:22-33)**

**Jesus feeds the five
thousand
(Matt 14:13-21)**

**Jesus heals in gentile
regions
(Matt 15:21-31)**



**Jesus fed the people on the NE shore
near Tabgha / Plain of Bethsaida**



**NE Shore of Sea of Galilee near
Bethsaida**

Bethsaida ruins discovered in 1987



- How many baskets of leftovers did the disciples collect after everyone ate? **12**

- Why do you think that was the number of leftover baskets?

Many scholars believe it represents the nation of Israel tribes, Jesus sustaining and providing for Israel during His ministry.

- Which Gospels recorded this miracle by Jesus?

All four Gospels recorded this event

- What is the only other miracle that is also recorded in all the Gospels?

Jesus' resurrection

- Jesus' actions, behavior and words when he took the bread, looked to heaven, blessed it, broke it, and gave it for distribution closely mirrors what other event?

This event and language used by Jesus closely mirrors the blessing He gave during the Last Supper (Matt 26:26)

•What are some important learning points that can be taken from this event?

- 1) God can do much with very little, no limit**
- 2) True multiplication requires surrender, (the young boy). Trust Him, relinquish everything**
- 3) God calls us to participate, the disciples had to organize, distribute, collect leftovers**
- 4) Gratitude precedes provision. Jesus gave thanks and helped to cultivate thankfulness by teaching the disciples as well.**
- 5) God's provision is abundant / overflowing**
- 6) Compassion overrides convenience, Jesus wanted to rest but changed His plans**