

=MIRACLES OF CHRIST= Lesson 5
The Feeding of the Five Thousand

This miracle is the only miracle mentioned in each of the first four books of the New Testament—Matthew, Mark, Luke and John; hence, it must be one of tremendous importance. Let us notice its teachings.

MAN'S PART IN THE MIRACLE.

There are at least two reasons given why these crowds followed Him.

1. They followed Him because they wanted to see His _____. (John 6:2)

If we want to see the miracles of Christ, we must follow Him.

A person cannot follow after the world and Satan and see the miracles of Christ.

We must follow Him; we must go where He goes, do what He would have us do, and be what He would have us be if we would see miraculous things in our lives.

2. There was a Passover _____. (John 6:4)

Some have advanced the theory that many of these people were on their way to the Passover when they followed Christ.

If this be true, it certainly teaches us that miracles come to those who are faithful to God's house. Let us teach faithfulness to the house of God!

3. There was _____ of the disciples. (John 6:5-7)

Philip and the other disciples had no idea that Jesus was about to perform a miracle.

Perhaps they did not stop to realize what Moses had done, giving to the people bread from Heaven in the wilderness, and the notable miracle which Elisha, though on a smaller scale, had performed in II Kings 4:43, 44.

4. The disciples, no doubt, could have _____ this miracle. [Matthew 14:16](#) "...give ye them to eat." If they had had the faith, they could have taken care of this.

It is yet to be seen what we could do if we had faith in what God could do through us!

Most of us limit our work for God because of looking at ourselves and our limitations rather than looking at His limitless power.

5. Notice the importance of a _____ worker in this miracle. (John 6:8, 9)

6. Notice the _____ in John 6:9.

JESUS' PART IN THE MIRACLE.

7. Jesus went alone for _____. (Matthew 14:13)

He had been busy saving and healing. Now He comes apart for a while. Meditation is almost a lost art.

These are days when people want to get together, and nobody wants to be alone. Let us teach our pupils here the importance of meditating, thinking, going alone for a while.

This is so needed in our day.

8. Christ was _____ them the lesson here found in [Matthew 6:33](#), "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

9. These people had followed Jesus to receive _____ food.

They had forgotten the physical needs and had come taking no thought, for the time at least, of what they should eat or what they should drink.

They were desirous only to hear the Word of Life and were seeking only the kingdom of Heaven.

10. Jesus gave _____ before He fed the people. Matthew 14:19; John 6:11.

Someone has said, "He that enjoys aught without thanksgiving is as though he robbed God." Jesus thanked God for the food.

11. Notice the _____ of Jesus. Mark 6:39.

This is an interesting teaching. Jesus had them sit down by companies. One writer adds that they sat in companies by hundreds and fifties.

God's work should be done properly. It should be well planned. It should be orderly. God is not the author of confusion.