

## Great Stories of the Bible - 05/22/22

### Feeding The Five Thousand

**TEXT- Matthew 14:13-21** When Jesus heard of it, he departed thence by ship into a desert place apart: and when the people had heard thereof,

**INTRO – The three events in this chapter illustrate the characteristics of this present age, when the King is rejected:**

**Persecution 14:1-12:** Christ's servants will suffer and die for Him

**Provision 14:13-21:** Christ's servants will minister the bread of life to man

**Protection 14:22-36:** Christ will pray for His servants and rescue them.

**This passage describes an amazing miracle performed by Jesus.** It is also given in each of the other gospels: [Mar\\_6:32-44](#); [Luk\\_9:10-17](#); [Joh\\_6:1-14](#).

**Why did he perform miracles?**

- **To show His power - John 20:30-31** And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

**John 21:25** And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.

- **To fulfill Scripture - Luke 24:44** And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

**Isaiah 61:1** The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

### I. The Disciples Test

The big exam came for the disciples when Jesus turned to Philip, in verse 5, and said, "Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" Philip scored a big zero.

#### **A. He counted his money**

Evidently he asked the treasurer (Judas) how much money they had in the purse.

**John 6:5-7** When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? 6 And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do. 7 Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little.

#### **B. Andrew asked around and found a little boy**

**John 6:8-9** One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him, 9 There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?

#### **C. What would you do?**

**Would you look for an earthly answer?**

**The disciples had already witnessed several miracles but failed to realize the power of God.**

- Healing the withered hand
- Stilling the storm
- Casting out demons
- Turning the water to wine etc.

**Money is not the answer to all our problems.**

**Worldly counsel does not have the answers we need.**

**Friends and family do not solve all our problems.**

### II. The Lessons Taught

**A.** There will always be those who will follow for the wrong purpose, and once they have gotten what they want, they walk off and leave.

**John 6:2** And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased.

**People are looking for handouts.**

**John 6:66-67** From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?

Later they did. Before His crucifixion

#### **B. Jesus came to minister to people.**

**Luke 9:12** "...then came the twelve, and said unto him, Send the multitude away, that they may go into the towns and country round about, and lodge, and get victuals: for we are here in a desert place."

**Luke 9:13** "...Give ye them to eat."

1. They needed to learn to love those who wanted to misuse them.

2. They needed to learn to serve instead of complaining.

**Jesus came to draw men unto Himself.**

3. We need to learn the same lessons. Let's not spend our time complaining but serving the Lord and reaching out to others.

#### **C. Jesus has all power**

**Jesus commanded them to sit down and divide people into groups of fifty. The five loaves were multiplied and more than enough to feed the people.**

**When we take what we have and give it to Him and He blesses it that it can be used of God.**



**His power is enough:**

- To still the storm
- To heal the diseased
- To feed the five thousand
- To meet our needs

**D. Jesus will do above what we can do**

**Ephesians 3:20** *Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,*

**John 6:12-13** *When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. 13 Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.*

**He did not just barely feed the crowd but they were all filled.**

**CONCL – Hs way is best!**

**Christ is all I need, Christ is all I need, All, all I need. Christ is all I need, Christ is all I need, All, all I need. He was crucified, For me He died, On Calvary. That He loved me so, This is why I know, Christ is all I need.**

***Only One Life, Twill Soon Be Past* by C.T. Studd**

Two little lines I heard one day,  
Traveling along life's busy way;  
Bringing conviction to my heart,  
And from my mind would not depart;

**Only one life, 'twill soon be past,  
Only what's done for Christ will last.**

Only one life, yes only one,  
Soon will its fleeting hours be done;  
Then, in 'that day' my Lord to meet,  
And stand before His Judgement seat;

**Only one life, 'twill soon be past,  
Only what's done for Christ will last.**

Only one life, the still small voice,  
Gently pleads for a better choice  
Bidding me selfish aims to leave,  
And to God's holy will to cleave;

**Only one life, 'twill soon be past,  
Only what's done for Christ will last.**

Only one life, a few brief years,  
Each with its burdens, hopes, and fears;  
Each with its clays I must fulfill.  
living for self or in His will;

**Only one life, 'twill soon be past,  
Only what's done for Christ will last.**

When this bright world would tempt me sore,  
When Satan would a victory score;  
When self would seek to have its way,  
Then help me Lord with joy to say;

**Only one life, 'twill soon be past,  
Only what's done for Christ will last.**

Give me Father, a purpose deep,  
In joy or sorrow Thy word to keep;  
Faithful and true what e'er the strife,  
Pleasing Thee in my daily life;

**Only one life, 'twill soon be past,  
Only what's done for Christ will last.**

Oh let my love with fervor burn,  
And from the world now let me turn;  
Living for Thee, and Thee alone,  
Bringing Thee pleasure on Thy throne;

**Only one life, 'twill soon be past,  
Only what's done for Christ will last.**

Only one life, yes only one,  
Now let me say, "Thy will be done";  
And when at last I'll hear the call,  
I know I'll say "twas worth it all";

**Only one life, 'twill soon be past,  
Only what's done for Christ will last.**