

MARVEL: THE MIRACLES OF JESUS

“Jesus Multiplies Loaves & Fishes”

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Introduction: On Sunday nights we are studying the miracles of Jesus. For the first few lessons we focused on His authority over nature. We have noticed the authority of Jesus over the winds and waves AND that He has the ability to walk on the water. Tonight we will focus on how He could multiply the loaves and the fishes. There are actually two stories that might get confused: the feeding 5,000 (**Matthew 14:14-21, Mark 6:30-44, Luke 9:10-17, John 6:1-14**) and the feeding 4,000 (**Matthew 15:32-39, Mark 8:1-9**). Let's look at them from the gospel of Mark's perspective. Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. What Happened Then?

- A. The Compassion for the Multitude (**Mark 6:30-34**)
- B. The Authority & Power of Jesus (**Mark 6:35-38**)
- C. Crowd Control Tactics (**Mark 6:39-40**)
- D. The Leftovers (**Mark 6:41-44**)
- E. The Crowds Remain (**Mark 8:1**)
- F. The Disciples Are Tested (**Mark 8:2-5**)
- G. More Leftovers (**Mark 8:6-10**)

II. What Does It Mean Now?

- A. The Danger of Misunderstanding (**John 6:14-15, Deuteronomy 18:15-18, Acts 3:18-26**)
- B. The Danger of Covetousness (**John 6:26-35, Romans 14:17**)
- C. The Danger of Falling Away (**John 6:41-69, Mark 6:3, Hebrews 5:11-14**)
- D. The Danger of Monotony (**Luke 9:23, Romans 12:1-2**)
- E. The Danger of Discontent (**I Timothy 6:6, Philippians 4:11**)
- F. The Danger of Complacency (**Romans 3:23, 5:8, 6:23, 8:1-39**)
- G. The Danger of Ungratefulness (**Philippians 4:19, Ephesians 1:3, 1:7, 3:16**)

Conclusion: Don't forget to consider **Mark 6:15-16**. What were they looking for at that time? The common people did not reject Him, because they thought of Him as a prophet: Elijah (**Malachi 4:5**) or the prophet foretold by Moses (**Deuteronomy 18:15**). Some of His disciples doubted. His brothers doubted. And, we too may doubt. Why were the stories about Jesus written? **John 20:30-31** says *“Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.”* We are supposed to learn something from these stories and signs! What have you learned? When God has provided for you, what did you do? If you are outside of Christ, will you come to him? Do you understand He wants to provide for you, care for you and love you? Come to Jesus! He is ready to help!