

LOOKING AT THE MULTITUDES

1. The Lord Jesus was moved with compassion Matthew 14:14

2. The Lord spoke to Philip

a) "Where shall we buy bread,
that these may eat?" John 6:5

b) This was said to test Philip
He knew what He was going to do John 6:6

3. Philip's Reply

a) "Two hundred denarii worth of bread
is not sufficient for them,
that every one of them may have a little" John 6:7

b) Meaning
"Not possible"

4. Andrew's Response

a) "There is a lad here who has 5 barley loaves
and 2 small fish" John 6:9a

b) "But what are they among so many" John 6:9b

c) Meaning
"Not possible"

THE LORD'S SOLUTION

1. Organization of the 5000 John 6:10

2. He gave thanks

3. The 5 loaves and 2 small fish fed 5000 men
Not counting the children John 6:11-12

4. Fragments were gathered
Twelve baskets full John 6:13

THE CONCLUSION OF THIS MIRACLE

1. "This is truly the Prophet who is to come
into the world" John 6:14

2. They were going to make the Lord Jesus King by force if needs be John 6:15a
3. He withdrew into the mountain alone John 6:15b

LESSONS TO LEARN

1. For the Disciples
 - a) A glimpse of future ministry
 - b) There are special challenges to consider
2. They were not ready
 - a) They were negative in their approach
 - b) They were thinking in terms of money
3. They were also not ready for the Responses of the people
 - a) They were going to force the Lord Jesus to be King
 - b) The Disciples would not know how to deal with this
4. What was needed?
 - a) A vision of the harvest field John 4:27-38
 - b) A vision of the Great Multitude John 6:1-15
 - c) Faith
 - d) Skills of evangelism