

JESUS FEEDS THE MULTITUDE

JOHN 6:1-15

This is the only miracle that is recorded in all four gospels. Matt. 14; Mark 6; Luke 9; John 6. It contains great lessons about how Jesus meets the needs of people. As we look at this miracle consider how Jesus can meet the needs in your life. Consider how He can meet the needs of our church. Consider how He wants to use you to meet needs in the lives of others.

I. THE GREAT NEED THAT EXISTED. 6:1-7.

- A. The hungry multitude. 6:2,5,10.
- B. The meager resources. 6:9
 - 1. The requirements to meet this need. 6:7.
 - 2. The available resources. 6:9.
- C. The purpose of Jesus. 6:6.
 - *There is a multitude of hungry people today. The church must learn to trust in the power of Jesus Christ to address these needs.*

II. THE ORDINARY PEOPLE WHO PARTICIPATED. 6:8-11.

- A. The Young Boy. 6:9
 - 1. God's pattern of using the ordinary to accomplish the extraordinary. 1 Cor. 1:26-29.
 - 2. Examples of this pattern.
 - a. Israel. Deut. 7:7.
 - b. David. 1 Sam. 17.
 - c. Gideon. Judges 6:15.
 - d. The four lepers – 2 Kings 7:1-4.
- B. The twelve disciples. 6:11
 - 1. God uses human instruments to dispense the bread of life.
 - 2. Notice the principle of partnership. 1 Cor. 3:6,7; Mark 2:3; 1 Cor. 12.

III. THE MIRACULOUS BLESSINGS THAT FOLLOWED. 6:12-15.

- A. The people were fed. 6:12-13.
 - *Their needs were fully met. 6:10,11.*
- B. Jesus was honored. 6:14-15.
- C. The lad was blessed. 6:11.
 - 1. His needs were met.
 - 2. He had the joy of seeing the Lord multiply what he had given and use it to touch the lives of others.

