

“Zealous and Without Knowledge”  
**John 6:1-14**

**I. The scene (vs. 1-4).**

1. Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee.
2. Large crowds were following Him.
3. Jesus went up on “the mountain”.
4. The Passover was near.

(Matt. 14:1-12, 13; Mark 6:7-29, 30-32; Luke 9:1-11)

**II. Jesus asks His disciples about feeding the crowd to test them (vs. 5-9).**

1. He asks Philip where they should buy bread.
2. Andrew Responds to Jesus that he found a boy with five barley loaves and two fish.

(Matt. 14:14-16; Mark 6:32-34, 38; Luke 9:12-13a)

**III. Jesus feeds the crowd (vs. 10-13).**

1. Jesus had the crowd set down (5,000 men).
2. Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and handed them out.
3. Jesus then served the fish in the same manner.
4. Jesus told His disciples to gather up the leftovers.
5. There were twelve baskets full of leftovers.

(Matt. 14:21; Mark 6:39-40, 41, 44; Luke 9:14)

**IV. The crowd responds to the miracle (vs. 14 (15)).**

1. The crowd responds with the correct statement.
2. The crowd responds in the wrong manner.
3. Rather than responding with their eyes on God, they responding with their eyes on themselves.

(Deuteronomy 18:15, 18)

## Scripture References and Notes

Mark 6:30-32

<sup>30</sup> The apostles gathered together with Jesus; and they reported to Him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup> And He said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while.” (For there were many *people* coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat.) <sup>32</sup> They went away in the boat to a secluded place by themselves.

Matthew 14:13

Now when Jesus heard *about John*, He withdrew from there in a boat to a secluded place by Himself; and when the people heard *of this*, they followed Him on foot from the cities.

Mark 6:32-34

<sup>32</sup> They went away in the boat to a secluded place by themselves. <sup>33</sup> *The people* saw them going, and many recognized *them* and ran there together on foot from all the cities, and got there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup> When Jesus went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and He felt compassion for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things.

Matthew 14:14-16

When He went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and felt compassion for them and healed their sick.

Luke 9:12-13a

<sup>12</sup> Now the day was ending, and the twelve came and said to Him, “Send the crowd away, that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside and find lodging and get something to eat; for here we are in a desolate place.” <sup>13</sup> But He said to them, “You give them *something* to eat!”

Mark 6:38

<sup>38</sup> And He said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go look!” And when they found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” <sup>39</sup> And He commanded them all to sit down by groups on the green grass. <sup>40</sup> They sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties.

Luke 9:14-15

<sup>14</sup> (For there were about five thousand men.) And He said to His disciples, “Have them sit down *to eat* in groups of about fifty each.” <sup>15</sup> They did so, and had them all sit down.

Mark 6:41

And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up toward heaven, He blessed *the food* and broke the loaves and He kept giving *them* to the disciples to set before them; and He divided up the two fish among them all.

Deuteronomy 18:15, 18

<sup>15</sup> “The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your countrymen, you shall listen to him.

<sup>18</sup> I will raise up a prophet from among their countrymen like you, and I will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.