

# They Wanted to Make Him King...

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John 6:1-15

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## An Important Sign

- This 'sign' is included in all 4 gospels, only one that is
- Turning point of Jesus' ministry after the murder of John the Baptist
- Jesus has left Jerusalem and is now ministering in Galilee

## The Scene is Set

- Many are following/seeking Jesus because they saw signs<sup>2</sup>
- Disciples have returned from preaching the gospel<sup>Mt10:5;Lk9:6;Mk6:7</sup>
- Jesus is again teaching them<sup>3</sup>
- Crowds found Jesus and were hungry
- Jesus tested<sup>6</sup> his disciples by asking them, *'where are we to buy bread?'*<sup>5</sup>
- Philip answered practically – not enough money<sup>7</sup>
- Andrew had worked the crowds and found some food<sup>8-9</sup>
- But Andrew didn't have faith in Jesus' ability *'what are they for so many?'*<sup>9</sup>
- 200 denarii = ~200 days of wages for a laborer... ~70% of a year's wages
- John tells us that they boy had *five barley loaves*<sup>2K4:42-44</sup> and *two fish*<sup>9</sup>
- Barley loaves – small flat almost cracker like. Fish – probably like sardines
- Barley loaves were the food of the ultra poor - fish were for flavor

## Jesus Acts as He had Planned

- Jesus had been testing the disciples<sup>6</sup> - he sat people down in groups<sup>Mk6:40Lk9:14</sup>
- About 5,000 men so likely 10,000 to 15,000 with women and children!
- From the meager Jesus provided abundantly until people had their fill<sup>11-12</sup>
- Leftovers filled 12 baskets – shows completeness and abundance<sup>12</sup>
- Jesus' sign used by John to set stage: Jesus is bread of life<sup>6:35</sup> & heaven<sup>6:33</sup>
- Crowds saw sign and declared *This is the Prophet*<sup>14;Dt18:15</sup> ...

## So What?

- Crowds didn't understand Who or Why Jesus came...
- Crowds feeling need for political deliverance and national pride...
- Tried to make Him King by force! BUT Jesus withdrew...
- They didn't have God's agenda in mind<sup>15</sup>
- Jesus knew His purpose - Father's agenda<sup>Lk19:10</sup> to save the lost
- Jesus had already rejected Satan's temptations<sup>Mt4:8-9</sup> as shortcut...
- Jesus knew His mission was not to be an earthly king but Savior!

## Apply It

- Jesus often blesses us in earthly ways - bread & fish...
- Don't follow Him for selfish reasons: food, help, friends, etc.
- Jesus came to provide for our TRUE NEED<sup>Jn3:17</sup> our salvation<sup>Rm6:23</sup>
- Believe in Jesus that He has redeemed YOU from your sins and rest in His work on YOUR behalf!
- *these are written so that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name*<sup>Jn20:31</sup>!