



Who is Jesus? The Gospel of John – Week 15

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Summary:

In one of the few events of Jesus' ministry recorded in all four gospels, this section describes the miraculous feeding of perhaps as many as 20,000 people (5,000 adult men, plus women and children). Although his disciples saw the magnitude of the need and the scarcity of available resources, Jesus saw an opportunity for ministry and trusted in his Father's generosity. In the hands of Jesus, even a modest provision can become an abundance – here, Jesus reveals God as the God of "more than enough."

Discussion:

1. What was the most important take-away for you from this week's message?
2. Why were so many people following Jesus?
3. Why do you think it's significant that this miracle took place at the time of the Passover (v. 4)?
4. Verse 6 tells us that Jesus was testing Philip when he asked him where they should buy food for the crowd. Did Philip pass the test? What was Jesus looking for?
Application: Would you pass the same test? Where do you normally look for a solution when a challenge is in front of you?

5. What is interesting to you about the way Jesus performed this miracle? You can flesh out your understanding of this event in Matthew 14:13-21, Luke 9:11-17, and Mark 6:30-44. What does this show us about Jesus' character and manner of ministry?

6. What did it mean for the disciples to obey Jesus' command in v. 10? Why might it have been difficult for them to understand and obey what he was asking them to do? **Application:** How do you respond when the Lord asks you to do something that might lead to embarrassment, or something you don't understand, or something you think is destined to fail? Can you think of a time when this was the case? How did you handle it?

7. Why does Jesus command the leftovers to be gathered up?

8. **Application:** When was the last time you saw the Lord take seemingly-inadequate resources and use them for something incredible? Do you see God as a God of not-enough, just-enough, or more-than-enough? Why?

9. What was the peoples' response to this miracle (v. 14)? Did they understand who Jesus was and what he was really about? Look ahead to v. 15 – what does this say about their understanding of Jesus?

10. How would you 'title' this section? In other words, how would you restate the main purpose John had (as the author) in writing this passage?