

CBC BIBLE STUDY

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DISCIPLESHIP—STEWARDSHIP

John 6:1-14 NKJV

“After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased. And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples. Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?” But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do. Philip answered Him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little.” One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to Him, “There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?” Then Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, “Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost.” Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten. Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, “This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world.””

This particular miracle is the only one which appears in all four Gospels.

Miracle of MULTIPLICATION (Creation)

Physics and Mathematics say that matter cannot be created nor destroyed. One cannot create additional matter from out of five loaves and two fish to then feed thousands.

A. Only God can CREATE!

B. Deity of Christ (The God-Man)

“After these things”—approximately six months passed between the end of John 5:47 and John 6:1.

As usual, there is “much people” present

A. Jesus had great COMPASSION—saw the people as sheep without a shepherd!

B. The people follow because they saw the signs Jesus performed on those diseased.

LESSONS TO BE LEARNED

1. MULTIPLICATION is God’s responsibility.
2. With God, all things are possible.

Philippians 4:13—I can do all things...etc.

Mark 10:27 NKJV

“But Jesus looked at them and said, “With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible.””

Mark 10:27 NKJV

1. Do not limit your VISION to what you can see.

A. View your situation not through your own eyes. Instead view your situation through the eyes of God.

WE HAVE AND SERVE A GREAT GOD!!!

Isaiah 40:25-31 NKJV

““To whom then will you liken Me, Or to whom shall I be equal?” says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, And see who has created these things, Who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name, By the greatness of His might And the strength of His power; Not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, And speak, O Israel: “My way is hidden from the Lord, And my just claim is passed over by my God”? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall, But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.”

JESUS AS PROVIDER

- A. Jesus makes a way in every desert.
- B. Jesus provides a way out of every valley.
- C. For every mountain, Jesus provides a gentle slope down.

When we OFFER the Lord our ordinary and small resources, He will work a wonder of TRANSFORMATION!

Verse 6—Jesus puts His disciples to the test!!! “For He Himself, knew what He would do.”

WHAT DO THE DISCIPLES HAVE???

- A. A Lad’s Lunch

B. Two fish and five BARLEY loaves (per Andrew—verse 7)

C. ALL they had