

When God Shows Up: Seven Miracles in John

Lesson 4

John 6:1-15

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God's Specialty: Impossibilities

INTRODUCTION

What happens when, excited about attending a football game, we hurry out the door, forgetting food for the tail-gate? But, not to worry, hot-dog and popcorn vendors constantly roam the stadium aisles.

This was not the case for first-century seekers who walked miles to witness a man heal with magic. The people probably guessed they would spend an hour in that place, so bringing lunches did not occur to them. Although some were standing too far from the man to hear His words, there was an aura about Him so compelling they chose not leave, even when hunger struck.

There were no vendors in sight, no kiosks, no figs from a nearby tree. But, a boy stood among them holding five small barley loaves and two small fish....

Memory verse: "Jesus said, 'Have the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish."

—John 6:10-11

Pray, and read John 6:1-15. What questions or observations do you have about this passage?

OBSERVATION: What do the passages say?

1. What was the chief reason for a crowd to follow Jesus to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee? (John 6:2)
2. Which of Jesus' disciples assisted Him while with the people? (John 6:5, 8)
3. Why did Jesus ask Philip where they might buy food for the multitude? (John 6:5-6)
4. What did Jesus do before He distributed the bread and fish? (John 6:11)
5. After the people witnessed the miracle, who did they believe Jesus to be? (John 6:14)

4. How convenient that a boy stood among them who had brought food (John 6:9). The presence of this child is a miracle that preceded a greater one, and tells us *what* about God? (Psalm 46:10; Matthew 6:8)

APPLICATION: How do the passages apply to your life?

1. John's historical account of the feeding of more than five thousand is a reminder to us of the ongoing problem of hunger in the world. As individuals, how can we do our part to alleviate this crisis?

