

Parallel Studies Bible text: The Feeding of the Five Thousand

Matt 14.13-21	Mark 6.31-44	Luke 9b.10-17	John 6.1-14
<p>Now when Jesus heard this, <u>he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place</u> by himself. But when <u>the crowds</u> heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.</p> <p>14 When he went ashore, he saw <u>a great crowd</u>; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.</p>	<p>Jesus said to them, ‘Come way to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest awhile’ For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.</p> <p>32 <u>And they went away in the boat to a deserted place</u> by themselves. 33</p> <p>Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them.</p> <p>34 As he went ashore, he saw <u>a great crowd</u>; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.</p>	<p>He took them with him and <u>withdrew privately to a city called Bethsaida.</u></p> <p>11 When <u>the crowds</u> found out about it, they followed him;</p> <p>and he welcomed them, and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed to be cured.</p>	<p>After this <u>Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee</u>, also called the Sea of Tiberias.</p> <p>2 A <u>large crowd</u> kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. 3 Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. 4 Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. 5 When he looked up and saw <u>a large crowd</u> coming toward him,</p>

<p>15 When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; <u>send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and</u></p> <p><u>buy food for themselves.</u>”</p> <p>16 Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.”</p> <p>17 They replied, “<u>We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.</u>”</p>	<p>35 When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; 36 <u>send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and</u></p> <p><u>buy something for themselves to eat.</u>”</p> <p>37 But he answered them,</p> <p>“You give them something to eat.” They said to him, “Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?” 38 And he said to them, “How many loaves have you? Go and see.”</p> <p>When they had found out, they said, “<u>Five, and two fish.</u>”</p>	<p>12 The day was drawing to a close, and the twelve came to him and said,</p> <p>“<u>Send the crowd away, so that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside, to lodge and</u></p> <p><u>get provisions; for we are here in a deserted place.</u>”</p> <p>13 But he said to them,</p> <p>“You give them something to eat.”</p> <p>They said, “<u>We have no more than five loaves and two fish—</u> unless we are to go and buy food for all</p>	<p>Jesus said to Philip, “<u>Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?</u>” 6 He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. 7 Philip answered him,</p> <p>“Two hundred denarii¹ would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” 8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, 9 “<u>There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish.</u> But what are they among so many people?”</p>
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¹ the NRSV translation has been altered here (‘six months’ wages’) to bring out the connection with Mark 6:37.

<p>18 And he said, “Bring them here to me.”</p> <p>19 <u>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down</u> on the grass.</p> <p><u>Taking the five loaves</u> and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and <u>blessed</u> and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples <u>gave them to the crowds.</u></p> <p>20 And <u>all ate and were filled</u>; and they <u>took up</u> what was left over of the broken pieces, <u>twelve baskets</u> full.</p>	<p>39 <u>Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down</u> in groups on the green grass.</p> <p>40 So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties.</p> <p>41 <u>Taking the five loaves</u> and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and <u>blessed</u> and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples <u>to set before the people</u>; and he divided the two fish among them all.</p> <p>42 And <u>all ate and were filled</u>; 43 and they <u>took up</u> <u>twelve baskets</u> full of broken pieces and of the fish.</p>	<p>these people.”</p> <p>14 For there were about <u>five thousand</u> men.</p> <p><u>And he said to his disciples, “Make them sit down</u> in groups of about fifty each.”</p> <p>15 They did so and made them all sit down.</p> <p>16 <u>And taking the five loaves</u> and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and <u>blessed</u> and broke them, and gave them to the disciples <u>to set before the crowd.</u></p> <p>17 And <u>all ate and were filled</u>. What was left over was <u>gathered up</u>, <u>twelve baskets</u> of broken pieces.</p>	<p>10 <u>Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.”</u> Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about <u>five thousand</u> in all.</p> <p>11 Then <u>Jesus took the loaves</u>, and when he had <u>given thanks</u>, he <u>distributed them to those who were seated</u>; so also the fish, as much as they wanted.</p> <p>12 When <u>they were satisfied</u>, he told his disciples, “<u>Gather up the fragments left over</u>, so that nothing may be lost.” 13 So they <u>gathered them up</u>, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled <u>twelve baskets.</u></p>
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<p>21 And those who ate were about <u>five thousand</u> men, besides women and children.</p>	<p>44 Those who had eaten the loaves numbered <u>five thousand</u> men.</p>		<p>14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." 15 When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.</p>
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