

# The “Magic” of Feeding Thousands

Matthew 14:13-21; 15:32-39; 16:5-12

*The Gospel of Matthew*

## Introduction:

How do we go from 5 loaves / 2 small fish to 12 baskets of overflow AFTER feeding 15-20K people?

## Outline:

- I. The Context or Occasion of the Miracle (vv. 13-15a)
  - A. John’s death
  - B. Great crowd
  - C. His Compassion
  - D. His Healing
  - E. Long day
- II. The Condition or Preparation of the Disciples (vv. 15b)
  - A. Overwhelmed (vv. 15, 20)
  - B. Undersupplied [5 loaves / 2 fish]
  - C. Incredible (vv. 19, 20a)
  - D. Awe-inspiring (v. 20)
    1. They were all satisfied
    2. There were left overs

## What’s Next?

YOU CAN’T: Humanity’s power cannot solve humanity’s problem.

GOD CAN: What you cannot do, God can.

AND JESUS DID: What you cannot do, God can, and JESUS does.

In John's Gospel, the feeding of the multitude is taken as a further sign that Jesus is the **Messiah**, the prophet who is to come into the world" (Deut. 18:15; **John 6:14**).

