

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

WALKING WITH JESUS

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PART 6: FEEDING THE HUNGRY

NOTHING WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR JESUS

There is a miracle not recorded in the New Testament pertaining to how Jesus was able to speak to thousands of people outdoors without an amplification system. Since man had not yet discovered electricity, there were no microphones, amplifiers or speakers. Let's examine a couple examples:

- ❖ Jesus was on the shore of the Sea of Galilee with thousands of people pressing to hear Him speak. In order to separate Himself from the crowd, Jesus entered a fishing boat and sat down to teach. **Luke 5:1-3**
- ❖ While Jesus was ministering around the Sea of Galilee, He took the disciples outside the city of Bethsaida into a desert area at the northeast corner of the Sea of Galilee. The people were so desperate to hear Jesus that they came by the thousands once they discovered where he was located. Jesus did not turn them away but preached to them and healed those who needed a healing. There were five thousand men which did not include the women and children. Once again, all of them were able to hear him clearly without an amplification system. **Luke 9:10-11**

JESUS WAS NEVER EMPTY HANDED

As the evening drew near, Jesus realized most of the people had come out to the wilderness without any food and it was a long journey back to their respective cities. The disciples wanted to send the people away but Jesus rejected that plan and told the disciples to feed them. **verses 12-14**

The disciples were in possession of five loaves of bread and two fishes. Jesus thought and moved in the supernatural and converted the five loaves of baked bread and the two fishes into enough food to feed the five thousand men plus their wives and children. I assume the fishes were fried since ice did not exist in Palestine, except on the mountain tops in the winter time, and uncooked fish would go bad in just a few hours.

Jesus performed a similar miracle with the loaves and fishes in the same way He did when creating Adam from the dust of the ground. **Genesis 2:7; Luke 9:15-17**

A SECOND FEEDING

Not long after Jesus fed the five thousand men and their families, there was a second feeding occasion with a crowd of four thousand men and their families who came to see Jesus as He ministered all day to them. **Matthew 15:29-31**

The circumstances were different this time because the multitude had been with Jesus for three days and used up all the food supplies they had brought with them. **verse 32**



Jesus again turned to the disciples and told them to feed the people but they still had unbelief despite what they had seen Jesus do a few days earlier. **verse 33**

The amount of food that Jesus had to work with this time was seven loaves of bread and a few small fishes. **verse 34**

Jesus followed the same pattern as He once again had the people sit down and then created food from what was available and the disciples distributed it to the crowd that numbered 4,000 men and their families. **verses 35-38**

WHERE DO CHRISTIANS STAND TODAY?

There were several occasions when Jesus created food supernaturally for the masses but it should be noted that this was not an everyday event. He never performed this type of miracle in the cities; it was only done in the wilderness when there was no food available.

Similar miracles have taken place with believers in Christ who were stranded in a situation where there was no food or water and had it supernaturally delivered to them. As we approach the period of the Antichrist, it will be impossible to buy or sell unless you have the Mark of the Beast and I earnestly believe that Christians can duplicate what Jesus did. **John 14:11-14**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?