

## Portraits of Jesus | Lesson 7 Notes

### John 6:1-15 | Bread and Fish for All (The Message Bible)

6 1-4 After this, Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee (some call it Tiberias). A huge crowd followed him, attracted by the miracles they had seen him do among the sick. When he got to the other side, he climbed a hill and sat down, surrounded by his disciples. It was nearly time for the Feast of Passover, kept annually by the Jews.

5-6 When Jesus looked out and saw that a large crowd had arrived, he said to Philip, “Where can we buy bread to feed these people?” He said this to stretch Philip’s faith. He already knew what he was going to do.

7 Philip answered, “Two hundred silver pieces wouldn’t be enough to buy bread for each person to get a piece.”

8-9 One of the disciples—it was Andrew, brother to Simon Peter—said, “There’s a little boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But that’s a drop in the bucket for a crowd like this.”

10-11 Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” There was a nice carpet of green grass in this place. They sat down, about five thousand of them. Then Jesus took the bread and, having given thanks, gave it to those who were seated. He did the same with the fish. All ate as much as they wanted.

12-13 When the people had eaten their fill, he said to his disciples, “Gather the leftovers so nothing is wasted.” They went to work and filled twelve large baskets with leftovers from the five barley loaves.

14-15 The people realized that God was at work among them in what Jesus had just done. They said, “This is the Prophet for sure, God’s Prophet right here in Galilee!” Jesus saw that in their enthusiasm, they were about to grab him and make him king, so he slipped off and went back up the mountain to be by himself.

## Notes & Quotes

“These people are not to be thought superficial for following Jesus because of his signs. What else should they have done? Signs are *meant* to quicken faith.” Bruner, 359-360

**Invitation:**

Jesus is seeking his disciples trust and stretching their faith.

“Are the numbers of people or the amounts of money- in short, are the sizes of human problems weightier on the scale of reality than the presence of the living Lord himself?”

Bruner, 362

**Participation:**

Even if our first response is a lack of faith, Jesus invites us to take steps with him toward faith/trust.

**Decision:**

Will we choose to fully trust Him even when it gets hard and requires sacrifice and surrender?

1. Jesus loses disciples (John 6:66)
2. Mind and Heart (Matthew 22:37)
3. Standing Firm (1 Corinthians 12:27 & 16:13)
4. Human Way vs God's Way (Matthew 20:26-28)