



# The Miracles of Jesus

## Lesson Seventeen Study Questions -- Feeding the Multitudes (Matt. 14:13-21; 15:29-39; Mark 6:33-44; 8:1-9; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-14)

1. Which of the gospel writers give an account of the feeding of the 5,000?
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2. What had happened to John the baptist just prior to Jesus feeding the 5,000?  
(Matthew 14:10-13)
  - What had the apostles been doing in this same time frame? (Mark 6:7-11, 30; Luke 9:1-10)
  - The deserted place to which Jesus took His disciples was near what city? (Luke 9:10)
  - What feast of the Jews was approaching? (John 6:4)
3. How did Jesus react to the multitudes when they followed Him to this deserted place?  
(Luke 9:11; Matthew 14:14; Mark 6:31-34)
4. Near the end of the day, what do Jesus' disciples want Him to do with the multitudes?  
Why? (Matthew 14:15; Luke 9:12)
  - Instead of sending the multitudes away, what does Jesus challenge the disciples to do? (Matthew 14:16; Luke 9:13)
  - How much money would it have taken to buy enough food so that everyone could have a little? (John 6:7; Mark 6:37)
  - What food did the disciples have on hand? (Matthew 14:17)
  - What did Jesus do with this food? (Matthew 14:19; John 6:11)
  - Where and in what arrangement were the people seated? (Mark 6:39-40)
  - How much food was gathered up after everyone had eaten? (Mark 6:43)
  - What did men say when they saw this sign? (John 6:14)
5. The account of Jesus feeding the 4,000 is found in Matthew 15:29-39 and Mark 8:1-9.
  - Where does this miracle occur? (Matthew 15:29)
  - How were the multitudes responding to the miracles Jesus was working in this place? (Matthew 15:31)
  - How many days had the multitudes followed Jesus without having anything to eat?  
(Matthew 15:32; Mark 8:2-3)
    - Why didn't Jesus want to send them to their own houses to get food?
  - What question did Jesus' disciples ask Him in Matthew 15:33?
  - What did Jesus do with the seven loaves and few small fish? (Matthew 15:36)
  - How much food was gathered up after everyone had eaten their fill? (Matt. 15:37)
6. In Mark 8:13-21 and Matthew 16:6-12, Jesus refers back to the miraculous feeding of these multitudes. From these miracles, the disciples should have learned NOT to be concerned about what?
7. Was it right for people to follow Jesus for free food? (John 6:26-27)
  - For what should we labor?
  - Who is the bread of life? (John 6:41-51)
  - What happens to those who eat this bread?