

EPISODE NO. 249

John 6:2-14

Jesus Fed more than 5,000 People

2 A large crowd of people was following him, because they saw him perform miracles on sick people. 3 Then Jesus went up on a hill and sat down with his followers. 4 The time for the Jewish Passover Festival was near. 5 Jesus looked up and saw that a large crowd was coming toward him. He said to Philip, “Where can we buy enough food to feed so many people?” 6 (Jesus said this to test Philip; Jesus knew what he was going to do.)

7 Philip answered him, “Two hundred silver coins’ worth of food would not be enough for them — even if each person had only a small amount!”

8 One of Jesus’ followers, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to Jesus, 9 “Here is a little boy who has five small loaves of barley bread and two fish, but how long would that last among so many people? Not very long!”

10 Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” (There was a lot of grass in that spot.) There were about 5,000 men. They sat down. 11 Then Jesus took the loaves of bread and gave thanks to God for them. He divided them among those who were sitting down. He did the same thing with the fish. They ate as much as they wanted. 12 When they were full, Jesus said to his followers, “Gather up the leftovers, so that nothing will be wasted.” 13 So, they gathered them up and filled twelve large baskets with the leftover pieces from the five small barley loaves.

14 The people saw this miracle that Jesus performed. They began saying, “Surely this is the Prophet we were expecting to come into the world!”