



### The Setting leading up to the Feast

#### Jesus Sends Out the 12 Disciples (Luke 9)

<sup>1</sup> One day Jesus called together his twelve disciples and gave them power and authority to cast out all demons and to heal all diseases. <sup>2</sup> Then he sent them out to tell everyone about the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick...

#### The Great Commission (Matthew 28)

<sup>16</sup> Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted.

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

### 1. The Feast of Jesus

#### ■ The Setting and the Time

After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup> And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. <sup>3</sup> Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand.

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### Jesus' ministry is in Galilee just before Passover (1-3)

Map from the time of Christ



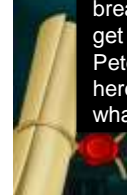
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#### ■ The Need Identified

<sup>5</sup> Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" <sup>6</sup> He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup> One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup> "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?"

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<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. <sup>18</sup> Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, <sup>19</sup> that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

<sup>20</sup> Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> **For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.**  
(2 Corinthians 5)

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### ■ The Miracle Accomplished

➤ ORDER  
➤ THANKS

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number.

<sup>11</sup> Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup> And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten.

➤ SHARED LABOR  
➤ GIVING

### Faith or Flesh?

1. Let's get rid of the problem – (Mark 6) <sup>35</sup> *Late in the afternoon his disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. <sup>36</sup> Send the crowds away so they can go to the nearby farms and villages and buy something to eat."*

2. Let's raise more money - John 6:7

3. We have a little, but it will never be enough - John 6:7

4. Let Jesus have it - John 6:11

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### ■ The Response of the Multitude

<sup>14</sup> When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!" <sup>15</sup> Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

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## 2. The Protection of Jesus

<sup>16</sup> When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup> got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup> The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup> When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were frightened. <sup>20</sup> But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup> Then they were glad to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.

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## 3. Christ the Bread of Life

<sup>22</sup> On the next day (Sabbath) the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone.

<sup>23</sup> Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. <sup>24</sup> So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

<sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?"

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**3. Christ the Bread of Life**

<sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.

<sup>27</sup> Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal."

<sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?"

<sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."



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**Do you have an App for that?**

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- 2. Who is Christ to you? He Can fill your spiritual hunger!**
- 3. Followers of Christ:** Share His message, build others up, be equipped, be repaired to serve better, be taught to mature in service!
- 4. We humanly cannot serve His way! But, Jesus can serve people through us!**

