

WHY JESUS FED THE FIVE THOUSAND JOHN 6:1-13

I. THE LORD JESUS CHRIST INTENDED THIS PARTICULAR MIRACLE TO BE THE MAJOR CATALYST TO A MASS TESTIMONY IN THE LAND (6:1-4)

- A. Consider The Number Of People That Were Following Him By The End Of That First Public Year (6:2)
- B. Consider The Significance Of The Time Of The Year (6:4)
 - 1. At Least A Six Month Time Gap Exists Between The Unnamed Feast Of (5:1) And The Passover Feast Of (6:4)
 - 2. At Least Three Preaching Tours Took Place Within That Gap

II. THE LORD JESUS CHRIST INTENDED THIS PARTICULAR MIRACLE TO REFINE THE APOSTLES' CONCEPTION OF HIM (6:5-13)

- A. The Apostle John Is The Only One Who Records The Fullness Of The Conversations That Took Place Between The Lord And Philip And Andrew In Order To Test Them
- B. The Statements That Came Out Of Both Of These Men's Mouths Indicated That Their Perception Of The Lord Lacked Clarity
 - 1. Philip's Statement (6:7)
 - 2. Andrew's Statement (6:9)
- C. The Event Itself Functioned Like A Classroom (6:10-13)
 - 1. The Serving Ratio Of Apostles To Men Alone Would Have Been 400:1
 - 2. Each Apostle's Basket Served As A Visible Object Lesson