



## Daily Verse and Comment

### John 6:10-14

(10) Then Jesus said, "Have the men sit down." Now there was much grass in the place; therefore the men sat down, about five thousand in number. (11) And Jesus took the loaves; and when He had given thanks, He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those who were sitting; and in like manner the small fish, as much as they desired. (12) And when they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather together the fragments that are left over, so that nothing may be lost." (13) Then they gathered them together, filling twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, which were left over by those who had eaten. (14) Now when the men saw the miracle that Jesus had done, they said, "Of a truth, this is the Prophet Who was to come into the world."

*A Faithful Version*

On the next day, Jesus taught in the synagogue in Capernaum, saying, "I am the Bread of Life" ([John 6:32](#), 35, 48). Though willing to receive the physical bread, many would not receive the living Bread—[Jesus Christ](#) who came down from heaven. Thus, the miracle of feeding the multitude was actually a sermon with visual aids.

The main lesson of the miracle is that Christ is the Bread of Life to a dying humanity, and in Him, there is enough to satisfy the entire world. Only He can satisfy the spiritual hunger in mankind. Jesus says, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of [the world](#). . . . Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you" ([John 6:51](#), 53). The Bread that is Jesus gives life in the present ([John 6:35](#), 47) and eternal life in the future ([John 6:27](#), 40).

The tragedy is that people waste time and money on "that which is not bread" ([Isaiah 55:1-7](#)). Waste is an enemy of miraculous generosity, so great care was taken to collect the leftovers, though we are not told how they were used. The lesson is that overabundance does not justify waste.

We also learn that Christ asks that we give Him all that we have and allow Him to use it as He sees fit. When we do this, we never lose, always ending up with more blessings than when we started.

— Martin G. Collins

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