



## **Matthew 15:32**

(32) Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way.

## **Mark 8:2**

(2) I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now been with me three days, and have nothing to eat:

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On [the third day](#), [Jesus](#) decides to send the people away. Any food that they had brought with them had been eaten by this time, and they had nothing to sustain them on their return journey. Thus, Jesus has "compassion on the multitude" and decides to intervene. It is encouraging to notice that Christ's miraculous power often originates, not necessarily in answer to a challenge, but simply from compassion.

Jesus commands the multitude to be seated in orderly fashion and then gives thanks. This miracle emphasizes His gratitude to [God](#) for physical blessings. All the multitude witnesses that their provision comes directly from God.

Jesus truly is the Bread of Life. His [kindness](#) and compassion teach us that He is our loving, considerate, omniscient Provider, able to intervene for us under any circumstance.

— Martin G. Collins

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