

Disciple's Quest

*If you continue in My word, then
you are truly disciples of Mine.*

John 8:31

Matthew 15:29-39

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The Second Feeding of Thousands

Jesus ministers to gentiles in the Decapolis region, teaching and authenticating Himself as the Christ through the working of amazing miracles. This occasion, like the preceding one in 15:21-28, and also the one with the Samaritan woman and the people of Sychar in John 4, provides a glimpse of the gospel message going to the entire world during the church age.

Questions for further contemplation and application after the message:

1) What is the theme of the following gospel passages?

- Matthew 1:18-25
- Matthew 2:13-15
- Matthew 3:13-17
- Matthew 4:1-11
- Matthew 16:-16
- Matthew 17:1-5
- John 1:1-5; 14-18; 49
- John 2:13-16
- John 3:16-18
- John 4:42, etc.

2) Is it possible to be saved apart from possessing the accurate understanding of who Jesus is and why He came?

3) What were the primary purposes for the miracles of Jesus? How did/do they serve to authenticate Him as the Christ and Son of God?

4) What is the only alternative to embracing Jesus in faith?

Select helpful resources:

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