

JESUS AT THE CENTER

The Light in the Darkness

JOHN 9:1–16 (CSB)

After this, Jesus crossed the Sea of Galilee (or Tiberias). ² A huge crowd was following him because they saw the signs that he was performing by healing the sick. ³ Jesus went up a mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, a Jewish festival, was near.

JOHN 6:1-14 (CSB)

⁵ So when Jesus looked up and noticed a huge crowd coming toward him, he asked Philip, “Where will we buy bread so that these people can eat?” ⁶ He asked this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread wouldn’t be enough for each of them to have a little.”

JOHN 6:1–14 (CSB)

⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ "There's a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish—but what are they for so many?" ¹⁰ Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place; so they sat down. The men numbered about five thousand.

JOHN 6:1–14 (CSB)

¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and after giving thanks he distributed them to those who were seated—so also with the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were full, he told his disciples, “Collect the leftovers so that nothing is wasted.”

JOHN 6:1-14 (CSB)

¹³ So they collected them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces from the five barley loaves that were left over by those who had eaten. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign_[b] he had done, they said, “This truly is the Prophet who is to come into the world.”

THE TERRITORY

Jesus often chose places like this to demonstrate that His mission wasn't just for Israel but for the world.

“The kingdom of God is never limited by borders, culture, or background, it is for all who receive him.”

There is no Jew or Greek, slave or free, male and female;
since you are all one in Christ Jesus. *Galatians 3:28*

WHY PHILLIP?

Philip was from that region (Bethsaida), so he ***knew the area*** the markets, the costs, the possibility and impossibility.

*“Faith is not measured by what is in your hand,
but by Who is standing by you.”*

ANDREW

The connector.

THE TRUTH ABOUT FAITH

Faith isn't the absence of doubt; it's choosing to bring what you have to Jesus anyway.

Immediately the father of the boy cried out, "I do believe; help my unbelief!" *Mark 9:24*

THE BOY

The boy's small lunch became the seed of a miracle because it was **surrendered to Jesus.**

MANAGER

If we don't manage what we have, there will be nothing to place in Jesus hands when he needs it.

INSTRUCTIONS

Jesus told them: “Have the people sit down.”
(v. 10).

Obedience always precedes the miracle.

*The miracle didn't start with food; it started with
trust and obedience.*

THE MIRACLE

1. God works through willing hands, not shiftless hearts.
2. Obedience is the front door to divine multiplication.

TRANSFORMATION

“Transformation often happens beyond what our eyes can see but faith lets us carry it.”

WHAT TO REMEMBER

- **Jesus is greater than our limitations** – Philip saw the cost, but Jesus saw a platform for miracle.
- **Surrender releases the supernatural** – The boy's small lunch became abundance in Jesus' hands.
- **Obedience positions us for miracles** – The people sat down before the bread was multiplied.
- **Jesus is the true source of satisfaction** – Everyone ate until full, and He revealed His glory.
- **Learn to budget, plan, and steward your resources** - so that when Jesus calls, you have something to give.