

January 21st – In the Hands of the Master

*“Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.”
(Matt. 14:21)*

The value of something often depends on the person whose handling it. For instance, a basketball in my hands is worth about \$20. A basketball in the hands of Kevin Durant is worth about \$40 million a year. In my hands an Epiphone guitar is worth about \$700. In the hands of the great B.B. King, the same guitar (“Lucille”) is worth about \$10,000. In my hand, a scalpel is worth about \$10, but in the hands of a skilled surgeon a scalpel is worth thousands more.

After the death of John the Baptist, Jesus was grieved and desired to get away from the crowds. Yet, the crowds were so taken with Jesus that they followed Him all the way to a hillside on the Sea of Galilee. When Christ saw the crowds, He was moved with compassion for them and began to heal all their diseases. As the sun was beginning to set, no one had eaten. Christ instructed His disciples to feed the multitudes, but all they could find was one small boy with five loaves and two fish.

In my hands, five loaves and two fish would hardly feed my family of 8. That would’ve been a problem 2,000 years ago, because as today’s verse says, there were 5,000 men on the hillside with Jesus, not counting the women and children. In the hands of Jesus, five loaves and two fish were enough to feed well-over 5,000 with 12 baskets left over. Everything changes in the hands of the Master. As the old hymn says, “Little is much when God is in it.” Place the “loaves and fish” you have in the hands of the Lord, and prepare to be amazed with all that God will do.