

The Bread of Life!

[Mar 6:30-44](#) When a break turns into a breakout!

How many times did Jesus feed the multitudes?

How and why were they different?

Some have argued there is no harder work than ministry? The disciples were exhausted. Your thoughts?

Were the miracles of multiplication, “eucharist” Communion events?

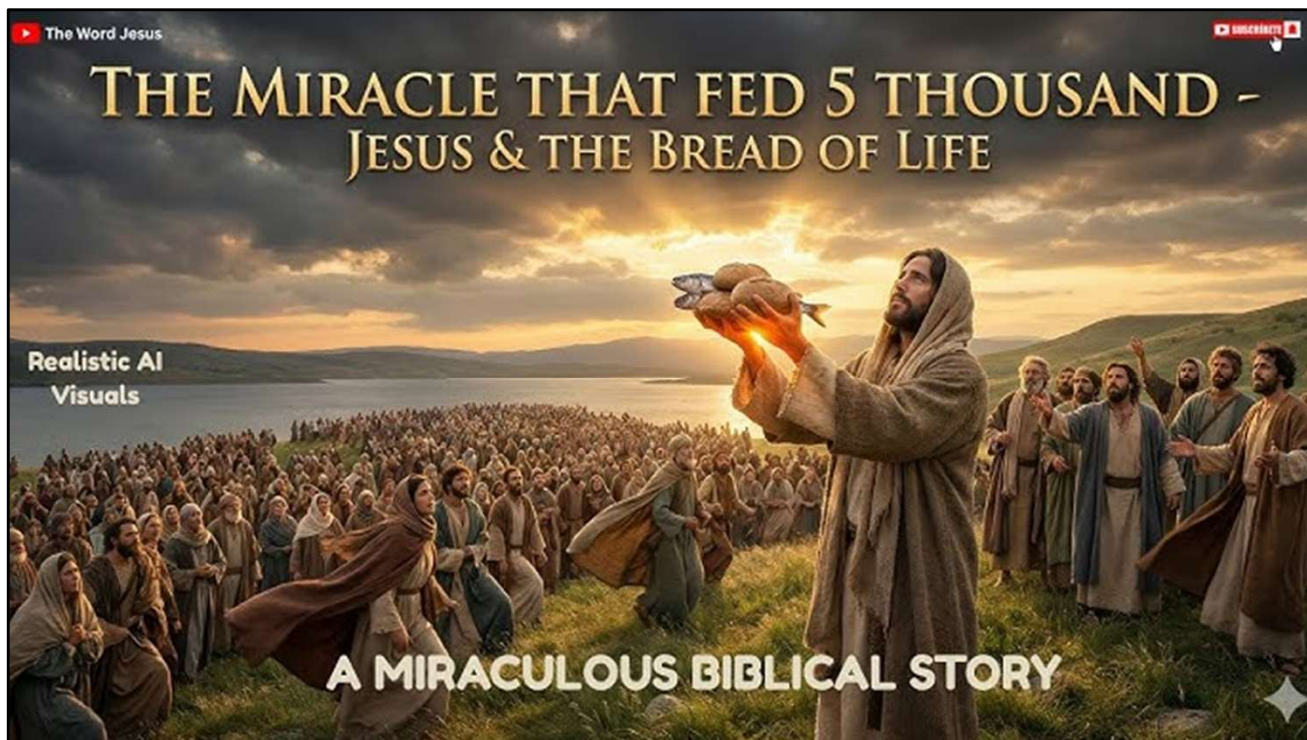
Many “Leftists” try to use this text to argue for socialist policies toward the poor, is that the point of the miracle?

How would you use the scripture, even this text, to combat the contrived and twisted arguments for gov’t handouts, welfare state?

What do the other gospel accounts add to the story? ([Mat 14:13-21](#); [Luk 9:10-17](#); [Jhn 6:1-14](#))

Our passage this week isn’t directly about Christmas, yet there is some correlation, what is it?

What other secondary points/lessons can we get from our text?



[Mar 6:30-44 ESV] 30 The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. 31 And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. 32 And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. 33 Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. 34 When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. 35 And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. 36 Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." 37 But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" 38 And he said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." 39 Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. 40 So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. 41 And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. 42 And they all ate and were satisfied. 43 And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. 44 And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

[Mat 14:13-21 ESV] 13 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. 14 When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. 15 Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now

over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." 16 But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." 17 They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." 18 And he said, "Bring them here to me." 19 Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20 And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. 21 And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

[Luk 9:10-18 ESV] 10 On their return the apostles told him all that they had done. And he took them and withdrew apart to a town called Bethsaida. 11 When the crowds learned it, they followed him, and he welcomed them and spoke to them of the kingdom of God and cured those who had need of healing. 12 Now the day began to wear away, and the twelve came and said to him, "Send the crowd away to go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and get provisions, for we are here in a desolate place." 13 But he said to them, "You give them something to eat." They said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish--unless we are to go and buy food for all these people." 14 For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each." 15 And they did so, and had them all sit down. 16 And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. 17 And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces. 18 Now it happened that as he was praying alone, the disciples were with him. And he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?"

[Jhn 6:1-15 ESV] 1 After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. 2 And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. 3 Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. 4 Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. 5 Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" 6 He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. 7 Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little." 8 One of his

disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 9 "There is 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." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. 11 Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." 13 So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. 14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!" 15 Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

[Jhn 6:22-71 ESV] 22 On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. 23 Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. 24 So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. 25 When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" 26 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. 27 Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." 28 Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" 29 Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." 30 So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? 31 Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" 32 Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34 They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." 35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. 36 But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. 37

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. 38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. 39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. 40 For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day." 41 So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." 42 They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" 43 Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. 44 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. 45 It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me-- 46 not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. 47 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." 52 The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" 53 So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54 Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. 55 For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. 56 Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. 57 As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. 58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." 59 Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum. 60 When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" 61 But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? 62 Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? 63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. 64 But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) 65 And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father." 66 After this many of his

disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. 67 So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" 68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, 69 and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God." 70 Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve? And yet one of you is a devil." 71 He spoke of Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the twelve, was going to betray him.

The Disciples multiplied His ministry

- “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.”... they had no leisure even to eat. – Mark 6:31
 - The needs of a sin cursed world are endless
 - Put on your oxygen mask 1st, then help others
 - They preached, aided by performing miracles
- Miracles – Message – Man (Jesus Christ)!



[Mar 6:7-9, 12-13 ESV] 7 And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. 8 He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff--no bread, no bag, no money in their belts-- 9 but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. ... 12 **So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent.** 13 And **they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.**

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[If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one! ~ Mother Teresa](#)

[James S.A. Corey Quote: "It's just a drop in the bucket, but that's how buckets are filled](#)

[Saint John Chrysostom Quote: "Feeding the hungry is a greater work than raising the dead."](#)

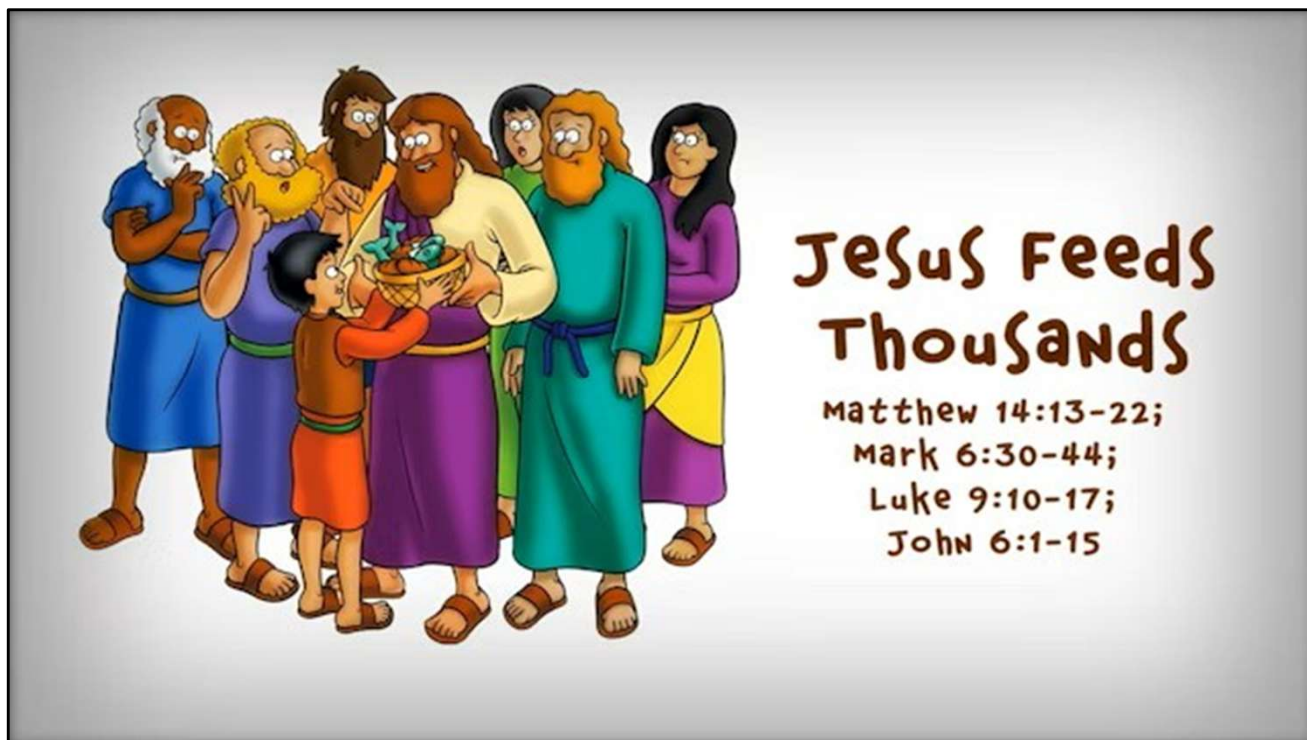
I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I

cannot do interfere with what I can do.

Edward Everett Hale

I wondered why somebody didn't do something. Then I realized, I am somebody.

Unknown



Jesus Feeds Thousands

Matthew 14:13-22;

Mark 6:30-44;

Luke 9:10-17;

John 6:1-15

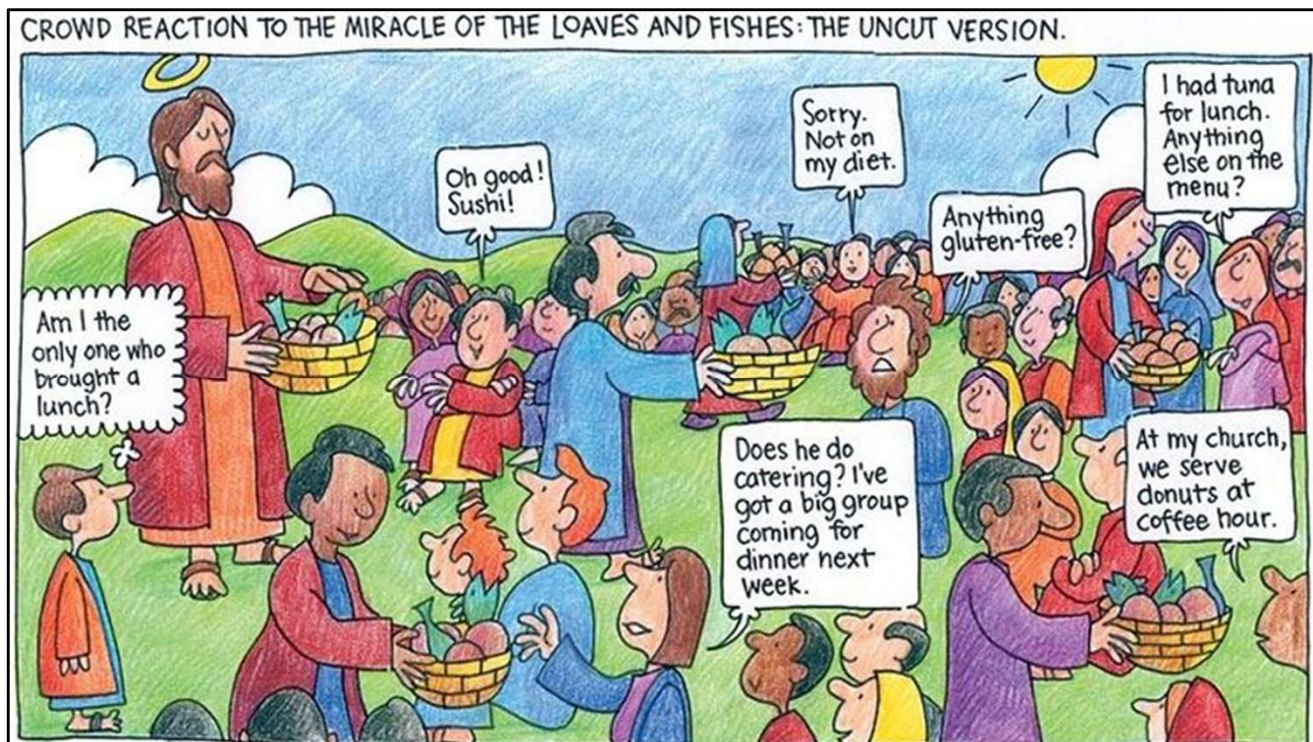
The ONLY Miracle that all 4 gospel accounts report

Mt.14:13-22

Mark 6:30-44

Lk.9:10-17

John 6:1-15



The Exhausted disciples thought they were getting a break, But it breaks out into one of most significant miracles and moments in the gospel story!

Peta is Protesting you! Fish pain is the same!

What, No Butter?

The Israelites Complained about Free Mann/Bread for 40 years!

Bone in?! Why not MRs Pauls or Gortons? McDonalds fish fillet or Long John Silvers

He saw a great crowd, and he had compassion!

- Pity and compassion – The demon possessed child, The Samaritan, Prodigal Fathers son ...
- 3 days they listened, then hungry – Matthew 15:32 (4000)
- Jesus sees our hearts – John 2:23-25, 6:14-15, 26



have compassion - to be moved as to one's bowels, hence to be moved with compassion, have compassion (for the bowels were thought to be the seat of love and pity)

Yes, Jesus had Compassion but still sends people to Hell!!!

Jesus saw their need, had compassion, the crowds saw Jesus power and saw a free lunch!

Jesus sees our hearts –

[Jhn 6:14-15, 26 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!" 15 Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself. ... 26 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.

[Mat 9:36 ESV] 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

[Mat 15:32 ESV] 32 Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion on the crowd because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. And I am unwilling to

send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way."

[Mat 18:27 ESV] 27 And **out of pity** for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.

[Mat 20:34 ESV] 34 And Jesus in pity touched their eyes, and immediately they recovered their sight and followed him.

[Mar 1:41 ESV] 41 Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, "I will; be clean."

[Mar 6:34 ESV] 34 When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things.

[Mar 8:2 ESV] 2 "I have compassion on the crowd, because **they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat.**

[Mar 9:22 ESV] 22 And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."

[Luk 7:13 ESV] 13 And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep."

[Luk 10:33 ESV] 33 But **a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion.**

[Luk 15:20 ESV] 20 **And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion,** and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

[Jhn 2:23-25 ESV] 23 Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. 24 But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people 25 and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

He saw a great crowd, and he had compassion!

- John 6:26 – Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.”





[Jhn 6:23 Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. ...

Jesus thanked God for his food! Do you?

Knowing He would have to die to fulfill the lessons this day

On him God the Father has set his seal

- John 6:27 – “Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.”
- Our fathers ate the manna – John 6:31 (hint, free 4eva food!)
- “Sir, give us this bread always.” – Mark 6:34



Jhn 6:35-36 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. 36 But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe.

[Jhn 6:40-41 ESV] 40 For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day." 41 So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven."



The Christian Left?

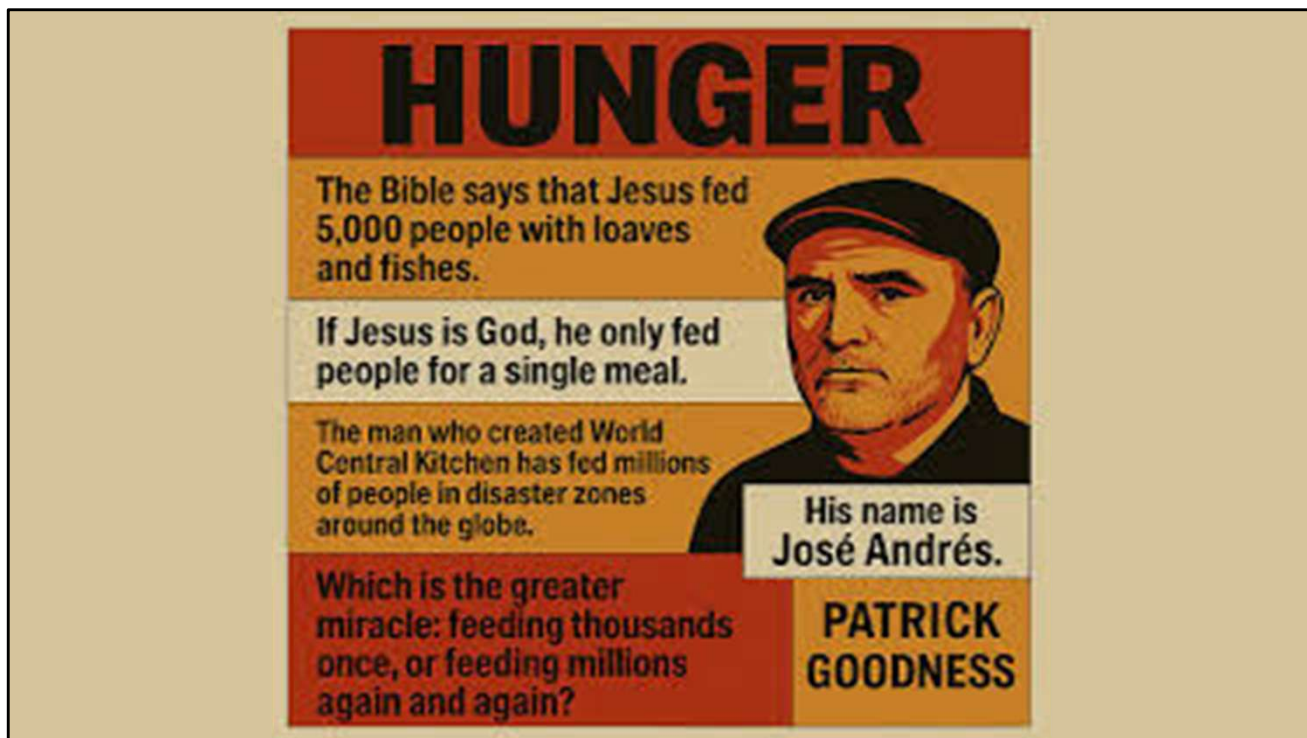
No Divine being

No Hell

Many sins now normalized....



Christian SOCIALISM??!!



Hunger

The Bible says that Jesus fed 5000 people with loaves and fishes

If Jesus is God, he only fed people for a single meal

Then man who created World Central Kitchen has fed millions of people in disaster zones around the globe!

His name is Jose Andres

Which is the greater miracle: feeding thousands once, or feeding millions again and again?

So, this goes further and just says Humanism overrules Christianity and Jesus altogether, Forget Jesus!!

Did Andre feed thousands from a few Small fish and 2 loaves of bread?

Did he claim to be God and rise again?!

Did He save Millions forever?

The Devil always tries to hijack mercy

- Judas...Why not given to the Poor?! – John 12:4-6
- He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief...used to help himself
- Leftists assert biblical Socialism – Acts 4:32-37
- Wolves in Sheep's clothing! – Matthew 7:15, Luke 10:3, Acts 20:29



Jhn 12:4-6, 8 But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, 5 "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" 6 He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. ... 8 For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."

Ecc 10:2 A wise man's heart inclines him to the right, but a fool's heart to the left.

no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common.

[Act 4:34-35 ESV] 34 There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold 35 and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Voluntary, Not seized or forced

Gave to the Church NOT the Govt

The Church had strict parameters for Widows 1 Tim. 5

Somalis in Minnesota stole at least 1 Billion of Govt funds meant to help the poor!

the Federal Child Nutrition Program

As far back as 2012, a UN report alleged that 70% of the funds earmarked for development and reconstruction in Somalia between 2009 and 2010 were unaccounted for.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/11/29/us/fraud-minnesota-somali.html>

USAid

the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has faced various accusations and confirmed cases of waste, fraud, and abuse.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/articles/2025/02/at-usaid-waste-and-abuse-runs-deep/>

The Devil always tries to hijack mercy

- False Prophets and Anti-Christ! Angels Masquerade





Have mercy, be generous/gracious

- Proverbs 21:13 – Whoever closes his ear to the cry of the poor will himself call out and not be answered.
- Proverbs 19:17 – Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed.
- 1 John 3:17 – But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

[Matthew 25:35](#) ESV / 1,813 helpful votes

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,

[Isaiah 58:10](#) ESV / 1,275 helpful votes

If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.

[James 2:14-18](#) ESV / 901 helpful votes **Helpful Not Helpful**

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

[Proverbs 28:27](#) ESV / 781 helpful votes

Whoever gives to the poor will not want, but he who hides his eyes will get many a curse.

[1 John 3:17-18](#) ESV / 770 helpful votes

But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

[Proverbs 14:31](#) ESV / 725 helpful votes

Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him.

[Luke 3:11](#) ESV / 714 helpful votes

And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise."

[Proverbs 22:9](#) ESV / 680 helpful votes **Helpful Not Helpful**

Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor.

[Proverbs 19:17](#) ESV / 591 helpful votes

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed.

[Proverbs 31:20](#) ESV / 421 helpful votes

She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy.

[Deuteronomy 15:7](#) ESV / 351 helpful votes **Helpful Not Helpful**

"If among you, one of your brothers should become poor, in any of your towns within your land that the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother,

[Isaiah 58:7](#) ESV / 260 helpful votes

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

[Romans 12:20](#) ESV / 256 helpful votes **Helpful Not Helpful**

To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head."

[Psa 41:1 ESV] 1 To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David. Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;

[Heb 13:16 ESV] 16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

[Pro 11:26 ESV] 26 The people curse him who holds back grain, but a blessing is on the head of him who sells it.





Not willing to work, let him not eat

- Proverbs 16:26 – A worker's appetite works for him; his mouth urges him on.
- 2 Thessalonians 3:10 - ...we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat



[Pro 12:11, 24 ESV] 11 Whoever works his land will have plenty of bread, but he who follows worthless pursuits lacks sense. ... 24 The hand of the diligent will rule, while the slothful will be put to forced labor.

[Pro 16:26 ESV] 26 A worker's appetite works for him; his mouth urges him on.

[1Th 4:11 ESV] 11 and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you,

[2Th 3:8-12 ESV] 8 nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. 9 It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. 10 For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. 11 For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. 12 Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

Not willing to work, let him not eat

- 2 Thessalonians 3:12 – Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.





Jesus – I AM the Bread of Life! 4x

- This miracle of loaves & fishes, only shared miracle
- Jesus alludes to Moses and Manna! – Exodus 16, Numbers 11
- John's gospel has 7 "I AM" statements – Exodus 3:14
- John 6:35, 41, 48, 51 is the 1st time He uses it
- This miracle/teaching winnowed the crowds (70-12)

This miracle of loaves & fishes, only shared miracle (Apart from the Resurrection)

[Jhn 6:35, 41, 48, 51 ESV] 35 Jesus said to them, "**I am the bread of life**; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ... 41 So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "**I am the bread** that came down from heaven." ... 48 **I am the bread of life**. ... 51 **I am the living bread** that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

[Exo 3:14-15 ESV] 14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" 15 God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

Jn. 6:35, 8:12, 10:7, 9, 10:11, 14, 11:25, 14:6, 15:1, 5

[Jhn 6:35 ESV] 35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

[Jhn 8:12 ESV] 12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

[Jhn 10:7, 9, 11, 14 ESV] 7 So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ... 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ... 11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ... 14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,

[Jhn 11:25 ESV] 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,

[Jhn 14:6 ESV] 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Jhn 15:1, 5 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ... 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

[Exo 16:31, 33, 35 ESV] 31 Now the house of Israel called its name **manna**. It was like coriander seed, white, and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey. ... 33 And Moses said to Aaron, "Take a jar, and put an omer of manna in it, and place it before the LORD to be kept throughout your generations." ... 35 The people of Israel ate the manna forty years, till they came to a habitable land. They ate the manna till they came to the border of the land of Canaan.

[Num 11:6-7 ESV] 6 But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." 7 Now the manna was like coriander seed, and its appearance like that of bdellium.

[Deu 8:3, 16 ESV] 3 And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. ... 16 who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end.

[Jhn 6:31, 49 ESV] 31 Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He

gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ... 49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.

[Heb 9:4 ESV] 4 having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's staff that budded, and the tablets of the covenant.

[Rev 2:17 ESV] 17 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.'

Winnowed - blow a current of air through (grain) in order to remove the [chaff](#).



Jesus feeding the 1,000's?

- Only recorded twice! (5,000, 4,000)
- Jesus could have and can give endless Manna, doesn't!
- The Bible is God's word! Said Jesus! – Matthew 5:17-20, Luke 16:17
- The crowds left him, when free lunch was over!!



[Mat 5:17-20 ESV] 17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. 19 Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

[Mat 5:17 ESV] 17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

[Luk 16:17 ESV] 17 But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one dot of the Law to become void.

[Jhn 6:26](#) Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.

The Bible is Gods word! Said Jesus! The crowds misinterpreted the point of the Miracles of the Manna!

[Jhn 6:30-36 ESV] 30 So they said to him, "**Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you?** What work do you perform? 31 **Our fathers ate the manna** in the wilderness; **as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'**" 32 **Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."** 34 They said to him, "**Sir, give us this bread always.**" 35 **Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. 36 But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe.**

Jesus feeding the 1,000's?

- They rejected His teaching/Him! When he pointed out their sins and sinfulness



Comparison of Feeding the 5,000 and the 4,000

MARK 6:34-44

- ▣ Feeding of the 5,000
- ▣ One Day
- ▣ Mostly Jews
- ▣ Bethsaida on the northeastern shore of the Sea of Galilee
- ▣ 5 loaves and 2 fish
- ▣ 12 small baskets of leftovers

MARK 8:1-9

- ▣ Feeding of the 4,000
- ▣ Three Days
- ▣ Mostly Gentiles
- ▣ Decapolis on the southeastern shore of the Sea of Galilee
- ▣ 7 loaves and a few small fish
- ▣ 7 large baskets of leftovers

Why 2 feedings?

Mostly Jews

Mostly Gentiles

Christmas is about Bread, from Heaven!

- Bethlehem = House of Bread, Came down!
- Jesus was laid in a manger = a feeding trough
- Jesus said we must “eat his flesh’, spiritually!
– John 6:51-66, I AM the bread of Life!
- ChristMASS or symbolic Communion? Grace!!!
- I came Down!!! – John 6:30-62, heaven 9x, Down 7x



[Jhn 6:51-61, 63 ESV] 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." 52 The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" 53 So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54 Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. 55 For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. 56 Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. 57 As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. 58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." 59 Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum. 60 When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "**This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?**" 61 But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? ... 63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

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grumbled about him, because he said, "**I am the bread that came down from heaven.**" 42 They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ... 50 **This is the bread that comes down from heaven**, so that one may eat of it and not die. 51 **I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever.** And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." ... 58 This is **the bread that came down from heaven**, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." ... 60 **When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?"** ...

62 Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?!!!!!!!!!!!!

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[Jhn 1:9-11, 14 ESV] 9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ... 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.



BETHLEHEM

House of Bread

The Tiny Princess

Kingdom Bakery


Bethlehem

is a Hebrew word that means


House of Bread

Mary placed Jesus in a manger,
a feeding trough for sheep to come and eat.
Jesus the Good Shepherd calls His sheep
to eat His Body. Matthew 26:26

Prefiguration
of the
Eucharist




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"Bethlehem" is a Hebrew word
that means "House of Bread."

Mary placed Jesus in a manger,
which is a feeding trough
for sheep to come and eat out of.



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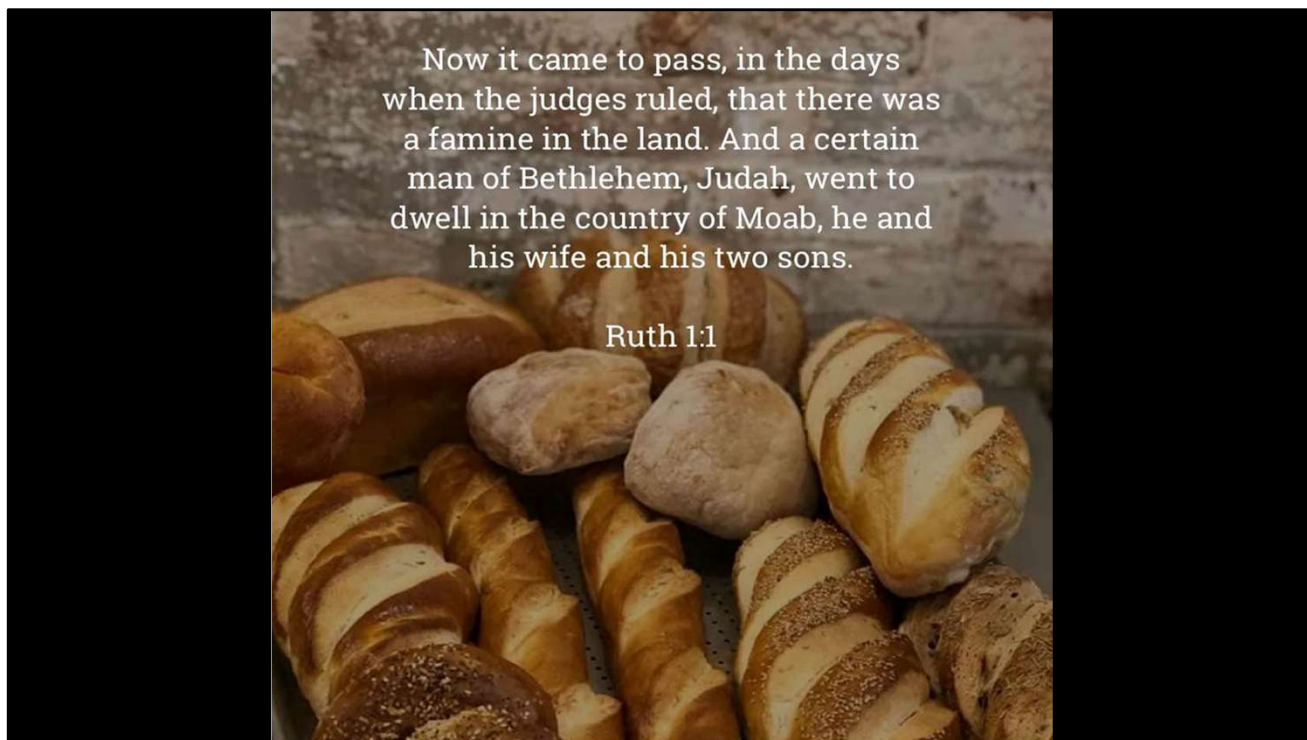
Jesus is the Good Shepherd
and He feeds His sheep
in the Eucharist.



These are true about Bethlehem's name BUT Very Catholic!

The MASS

Could you trick people into eating the MASS and therefore save them? Its not literal. Jesus said so!



[Jhn 6:9](#) “There is a boy here who has **five barley loaves** and two fish, but what are they for so many?”

[[Rth 1:22](#) ESV] 22 So Naomi returned, and **Ruth the Moabite** her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. And **they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.**

[[Rth 2:17, 23](#) ESV] 17 So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley. ... 23 So she kept close to the young women of Boaz, gleaning until the end of the barley and wheat harvests. And she lived with her mother-in-law.

[[Rth 3:2](#) ESV] 2 Is not Boaz our relative, with whose young women you were? See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor.

Grace – Ruth the Gentile/Canaanite Moabite!

[[Deu 23:3](#) ESV] 3 "No Ammonite or Moabite may enter the assembly of the LORD. Even to the tenth generation, none of them may enter the assembly of the LORD forever,



Ice and MAGA Republicans arrested and are holding hostage or deporting Jesus!!

Illinois church Nativity scenes add zip ties, gas masks, and ICE to protest immigration raids

More than a thousand miles away, the Christ child went missing from a Nativity scene at St. Susanna Parish in Dedham, Massachusetts, replaced by a hand-painted sign: "ICE was here."

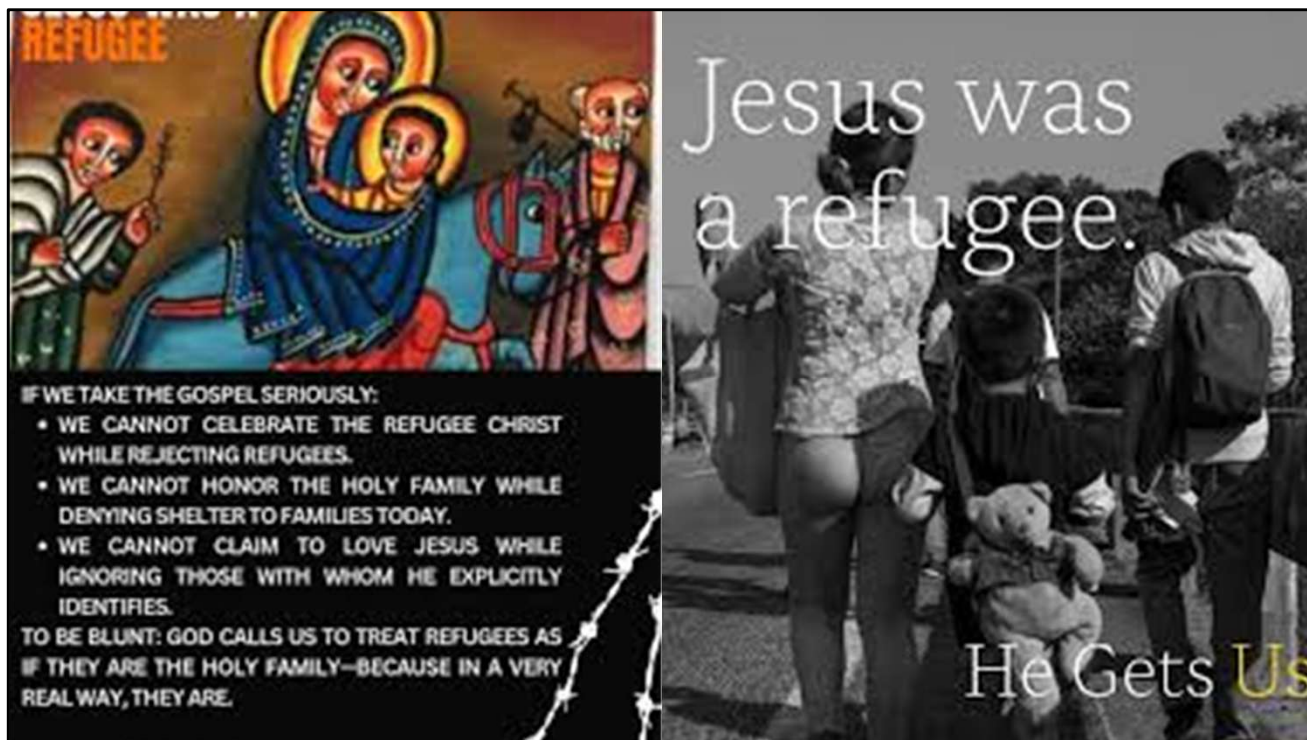


Zip Ties! (Jesus was in swaddling clothes (Bound in our humanity)

Mylar Blankets – cheap reflective for warmth

Gas masks





IF WE TAKE THE GOSPEL SERIOUSLY:

- WE CANNOT CELEBRATE THE REFUGEE CHRIST WHILE REJECTING REFUGEES.
- WE CANNOT HONOR THE HOLY FAMILY WHILE DENYING SHELTER TO FAMILIES TODAY.
- WE CANNOT CLAIM TO LOVE JESUS WHILE IGNORING THOSE WITH WHOM HE EXPLICITLY IDENTIFIES.

TO BE BLUNT: GOD CALLS US TO TREAT REFUGEES AS IF THEY ARE THE HOLY FAMILY—BECAUSE IN A VERY REAL WAY, THEY ARE.

Jesus was a Refugee?

To be Blunt: God calls us to treat refugees as if they are the Holy Family – Because in a very real way they are.

Can you say that accurately?

God directly told Joseph to go to Egypt! Largely for a spiritual point and lesson Prophetic fulfillment! Hos.11:1

Egypt was under the Auspices of Rome as was Jerusalem and Judea!! Same Empire, different district

Jesus didn't want to stay and Did NOT Stay!

We have No evidence of them living off Welfare or stealing or committing all kinds of crimes



So the “He Gets us”! People get blasted for telling people about Jesus and not just giving the \$\$\$\$ to the hungry!

Don’t evangelize, only feed the hungry



Al Jazeera, Bethlehem. Gaza rubble

A Very one-sided pity pitching demo

Nothing about thousands of rockets fired at Israel for dozens of years, Hundreds of miles of underground tunnels to weaponize the Hamas run Gaza terrorists! Burning Jewish babies in ovens, gang raping innocent Israeli girls and the butchering of thousands!

Application

- Study the Bible! Reading is not enough! Do not be misled!
- Jesus came Down! He is God! Immanuel!
- Jesus is our free gift – Manna, Our Passover Lamb! The message is Cross centered and grace Shaped! Faith!
- Essentials of life? Man shall not live by bread alone! Manna = physical life, Jesus = Eternal!

[2Ti 2:15 ESV] 15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

[2Ti 3:14-17 ESV] 14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it 15 and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.


**IF YOU CELEBRATE THE
MANGER WITHOUT THE CROSS,
YOU MISSED THE
GOSPEL.**



*A thousand times in history
a baby has become a king,
but only once in history
did a King become a baby.*







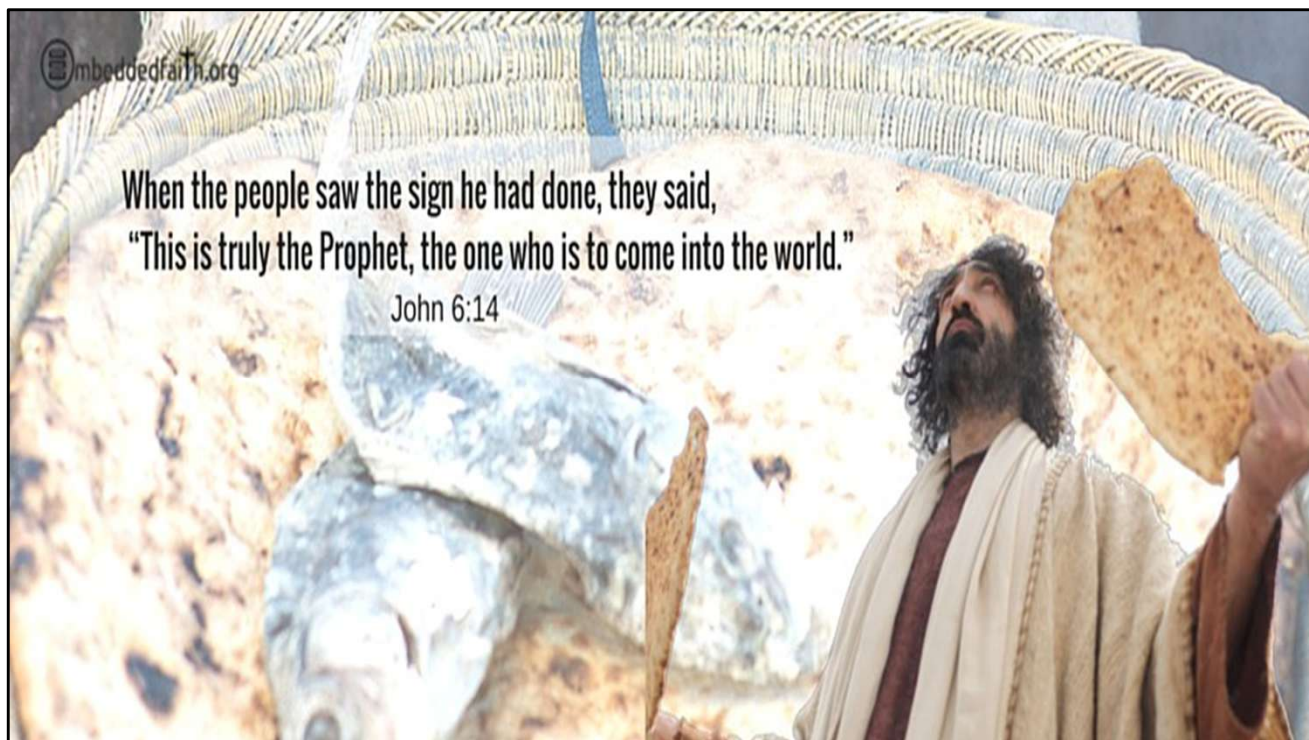
Jesus Feeds The 5000 Mark 6:30-44





When the people saw the sign he had done, they said,
"This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world."

John 6:14



Feeding Miracles

Feeding of 5,000

Matt. 14:15-21
Mark 6:35-44
Luke 9:12-17
John 6:1-13

People Were With Jesus one day.

Food - 5 loaves and 2 fish.

People sat on the grass.

12 baskets of food leftover.

Feeding of 4,000

Matt. 15:32-39
Mark 8:1-10

With Jesus three days.

Food - 7 loaves and some fish.

People sat on the ground.

7 baskets of food leftover.

Contrasts Between the Feeding of the 5000 and the 4000
 (Some think it is the same, but that is not possible)
 The Lord Jesus mentions both in Matthew 16: 5-12, Mark 8:20

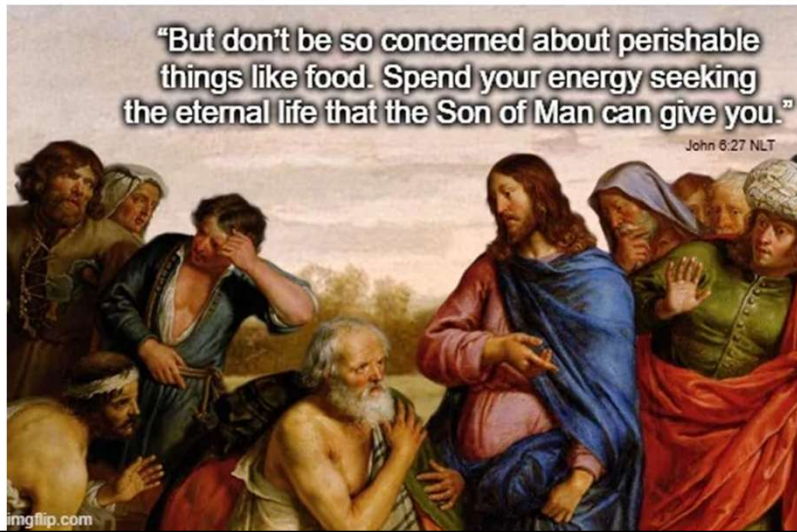
5000	4000
at Bethsaida	at Decapolis
sat on the grass	sit on ground (no grass mentioned)
multitude from nearby	multitude from a long distance away
5000 fed	4000 fed
with him 1 day	been with him 3 days
5 loaves and 2 fish	7 loaves and a few fish
remain: 12 baskets full	remain 7 baskets full
found in all gospels	found only in Matt and Mark

Source:
<https://bible.org/seriespage/feeding-4000>



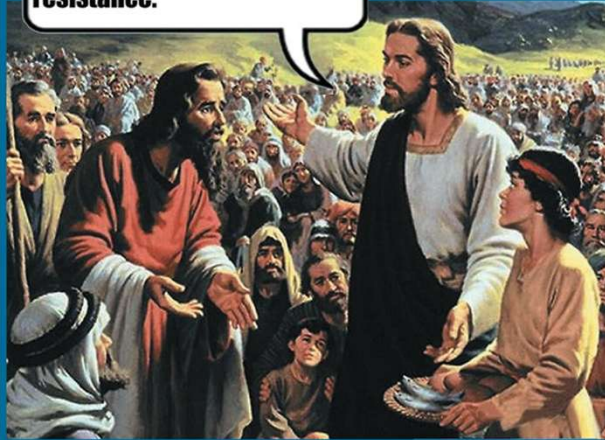
them : the whole point of christianity is
feeding the hungry

jesus :



REPUBLICAN JESUS

**If I feed these people it will
only create more welfare
dependency and employment
resistance.**



**BEING
LIBERAL**

BECAUSE REALITY HAS A LIBERAL BIAS



THE FEEDING OF THE 5,000 & 4,000

