

HOW MANY LOAVES HAVE YE

MARK 6, MATTHEW 14, JOHN 6, LUKE 9

Text: Mark 6:38

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³⁸ He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes.

Introduction:

This great miracle is recorded in all the gospel records. Matthew 14, John 6, and in Luke 9

In John 6:9 we find these words, “There is a lad here...” No one can rightly argue against the fact that the little lad and his lunch made a difference at a very crucial time. Too often we think what we have is not enough for the Lord, but all He asks of us is to bring our loaves and fish to Him and allow Him to multiply our little and make it much.

Every time I read this account I think of the song which says, “Little is much, if God is in it. Labor not, for wealth or fame. There’s a crown and you can win it, if you’ll go in Jesus’ name.” I believe every man, woman, boy and girl that is saved can make a difference God could use us to help someone to move from darkness, depravity and deadness, into light, holiness and life. Here was this hungry multitude that needed to be fed. I believe

Jesus used the lunch of the little lad to show us that He can and will use “small things” and make them adequate and a great blessing.

1. THE LAD

A. The main thing here is not the name of the lad, because the name is not even given to us.

B. Not much is said about him in this passage but I believe we can read between the lines and discern three things about the young lad.

1. He was sensitive. There were thousands of hungry people there and he cared about them. Since the people were in need of food, the lad knew something must be done.

2. He sacrificed his lunch. It consisted of five loaves and two small fishes.

3. He was sold in heart and mind on the fact Jesus could do something about the great need among the people.

2. THE LUNCH

A. That represents what we give to God from our own lives.

1. It was humble (small)
2. It was hallowed (set apart for the Lord's use),
3. It was helped (or multiplied by our Lord).

B. Without the touch of the Lord Jesus, the five loaves and two fishes would have been inadequate.

C. Our lunch is sufficient through Jesus (Exodus 15:2).

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²The LORD *is* my strength and song, and he *is* become my salvation: he *is* my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.

3. THE LORD

A. There are three important things about our Lord in this Scripture.

1. He was willing to help the people.
2. He was working for the people, multiplying the lad's food.
3. Christ was illustrating what He will do when we give Him our "small" lunch.

Close:

What do you have to offer? You say only a little. Since He is the "multiplying" God, don't worry, for little is much when God is in it!