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A series on the book of John



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"John, perceiving that the external facts had been made plain in the Gospels, being urged by his friends and inspired by the Spirit, composed a spiritual gospel." - Clement of Alexandria

Sign: a miracle with a lesson attached to it.

The First Sign: the Lord of the Present (John 2)

The Second Sign: the Lord Over Space and Time (John 4)

The Third Sign: the Lord Who Works and Gives Rest (John 5)



Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. The Jewish Passover Festival was near. When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"

John 6:1-13 (NIV)

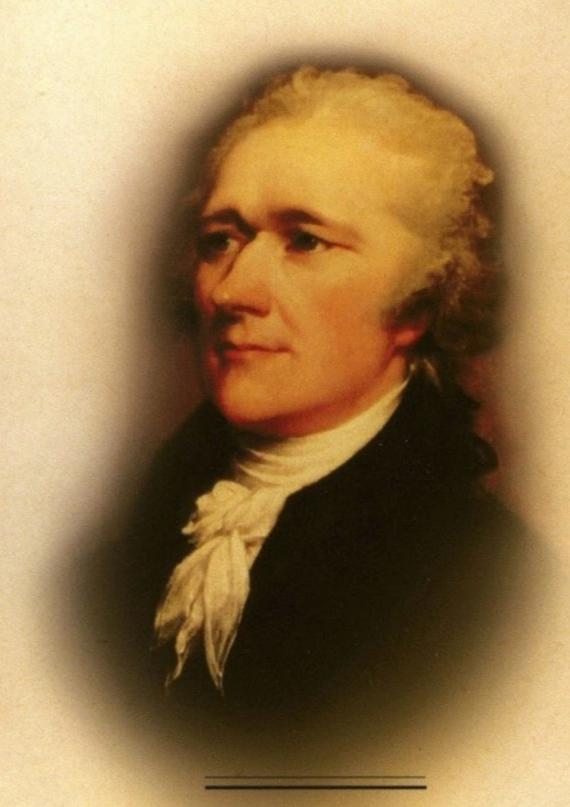
Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. When they all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

John 6:1-13 (NIV)

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In the Revolutionary War, at the Battle of Valley Forge, American soldiers were starving to death in the midst of fertile America farmland. As a result: "The General is well but much worn with fatigue and anxiety. I never knew him to be so anxious as now." - Martha Washington

#### JESUS TESTS US FOR FAITH OR CALCULATION

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John 6:5-6 (NIV)

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But Moses said, "Here I am among six hundred thousand men on foot, and you say, 'I will give them meat to eat for a whole month!' Would they have enough if flocks and herds were slaughtered for them? Would they have enough if all the fish in the sea were caught for them? The Lord answered Moses, 'Is the Lord's arm too short? Now you will see whether or not what I say will come true for you."

Numbers 11:21-23 (NIV)

#### JESUS WAITS FOR AN OFFERING

Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"

John 6:8-9 (NIV)

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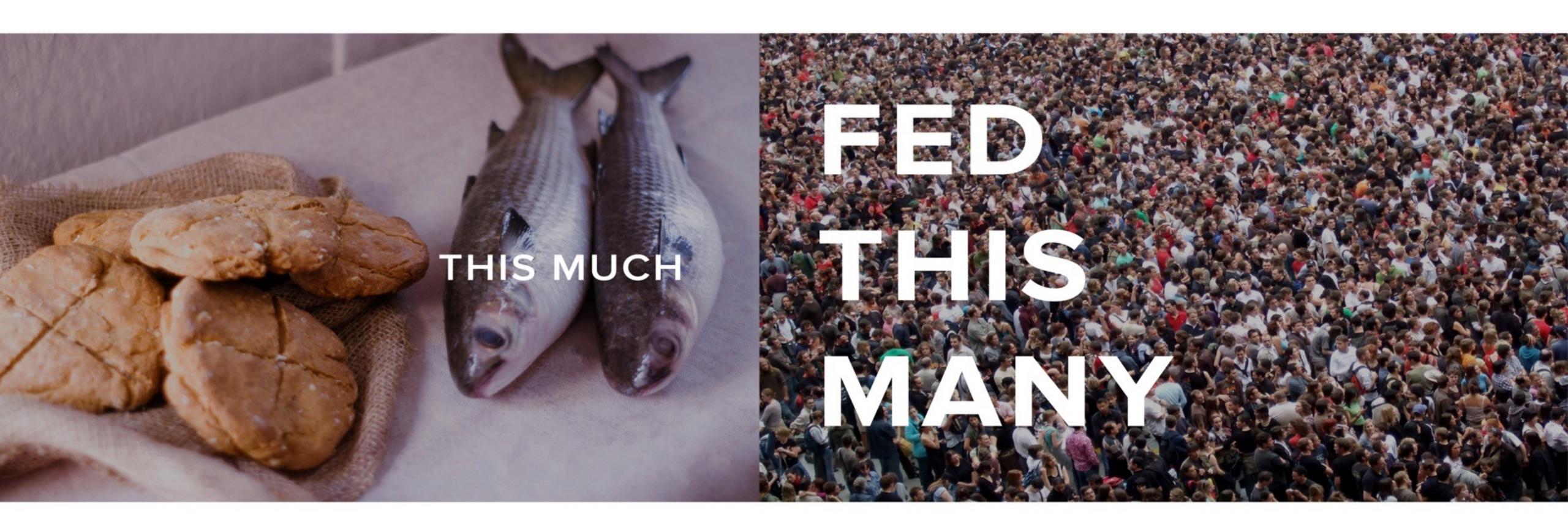
"How many loaves do you have?" he asked. "Go and see." When they found out, they said, "Five – and two fish."

Mark 6:38 (NIV)

#### JESUS WAITS FOR AN OFFERING

The Offering is what we do have, the Provision is what we don't have.

- 1. Offerings have always been a major facet of faith.
- 2. God uses individual sacrifice to bring about corporate solutions.
- 3. When we give God what we do have, He provides what we don't have and more.



## JESUS PROVIDES THROUGH WHAT WE PLACE IN HIS HANDS

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John 6:11 (NIV)

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"Money that is submitted to God and His purposes has the Spirit of God on it – which is why it multiples and cannot be consumed by the devourer. I'm convinced that money that has been submitted to God – wealth that is devoted to serving Him rather than trying to replace Him – is blessed by God. In a very real sense, God's Spirit blesses it."

- Robert Morris, The Blessed Life