CrossRoads Community Church
Sermon Summary Sheet, Week of March 20, 2022
"BREAKING (GOOD) NEWS"
Part 3: The Good News of Grace," Matthew 14: 13-21

INTRODUCTION: The Gospel of Matthew has a lot to say about bread, from the devil tempting Jesus in Matthew 4, to the feeding of the 5000 in Matthew 14, and the feeding of the 4000 in Matthew 15. Then in Matthew 16 Jesus explains the bread miracles and warns the disciples against the "leaven" of the scribes and Pharisees, which is their teaching. At the base level, these miracles show us the Good News of God's grace, that He is a gracious provider, and He is abundant in His teaching to us.

KEY WORDS:
"GOSPEL" - Original Word: εὐαγγέλιον (euaggelion) - *the Gospel* – literally, "God's *good news*;" the good news of the coming of the Messiah
"There IS no Good News apart from Jesus Christ."
"GRACE"- Original Word: χάρις (karis) –
"*favor, disposed to, inclined*, *favor*able towards, *leaning towards* to share benefit" preeminently used of the Lord's *favor* – freely *extended to give Himself* away to people (because He is "always leaning toward them").

1. BELIEVE THE SAVIOR
"But Jesus said to them, 'They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.'" Matthew 14:16
- ***Take God at His Word - John 10: 37-38***
- ***Trust God to do His (your) Work - John 6: 27-29***

2. BEHOLD THE SURPLUS
"'Do you not yet understand, or remember the five loaves of the five thousand and how many baskets you took up?.'" Matthew 16:9
- ***Receive God's Plenty - John 10: 37-38***
- ***Recognize God's Purpose - John 6: 12, John 14:12***

3. BEWARE THE SANCTIMONY
"'How is it you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread?—but to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.'" Matt. 16:11
- ***Discern the Glory - John 7: 17-18***
- ***Declare the Grace - Acts 20: 24***

CONCLUSION
The Gospel of Jesus Christ is good news, as He offers salvation by His grace through faith to those who repent of their sin and put their trust in Him.
Ultimately, God's grace is good news, and He continues to show His grace both physically and spiritually.
In this season of evaluation and deepening, we need to "check our motives," seeing if there is any sanctimony in our lives that needs to be dealt with, responding to God with repentance and obedience, and receiving His abundant forgiveness and blessing.