

Sermon Outline — Congregation Notes

I Believe in Miracles – Sermon 4

Title: Everybody Eats

Text: John 6:1–14 (NLT)

Key Verse: John 6:11 – *“They all ate as much as they wanted.”*

I. The Test Before the Miracle

John 6:1–6

- Large crowd. Limited resources. Real need.
- Jesus asks Philip a question — not for information, but for revelation.
- Before God provides publicly, He tests privately.

Cross-References:

- Exodus 16:4 – God tests Israel with manna
- Deuteronomy 8:2 – Testing reveals the heart

Truth: Need often precedes provision.

II. Philip Calculates. Andrew Investigates.

John 6:7–9

The Calculator – Philip

- Counts the cost (Luke 14:28)
- Sees the gap
- Protects against foolishness

Danger: Calculation without revelation becomes a limitation.

The Investigator – Andrew

- Looks for what is available
- Finds a boy with five loaves and two fish
- Moves toward possibility

Danger: Seeing small resources without trusting the Savior.

Mature Faith

- Count honestly.
- Search diligently.
- Surrender completely.

Truth: The miracle belongs to Jesus — not the method.

III. Gratitude Before Abundance

John 6:10–11

- Jesus gave thanks before multiplication.
- The miracle happened in distribution.
- *“They all ate as much as they wanted.”*

Cross-References:

- 1 Thessalonians 5:18 – Give thanks in all circumstances
- Psalm 23:1 – I shall not want
- Ephesians 3:20 – Exceedingly abundantly above

Truth: Kingdom provision is more than enough.

IV. The Overflow

John 6:12–13

- Twelve baskets left over
- Nothing wasted

Cross-Reference:

- Philippians 4:19 – God shall supply all your needs

Truth: God is not barely enough — He overflows.

V. The Sign Points to the Savior

John 6:14

- *“Surely He is the Prophet”* (Deut. 18:15)
- Passover setting — New Exodus imagery

Moses gave manna. Jesus gives bread.

But Jesus is more than a provider — He is the Bread of Life (John 6:35).
