

FEEDING THE 5000

A large crowd of people, seen from behind a person in the foreground, filling a field under a clear sky. The text 'FEEDING THE 5000' is overlaid in white serif font at the top.

Meals with Jesus Series
Solid Rock Church
Pastor Elliott Anderson

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April 12	Breakfast on the Beach	John 21: 9 – 14
April 19	Tax Collector's Party	Luke 5: 27 – 39
April 26	Simon's House	Luke 7: 36 – 50
TODAY	The 5,000	Luke 9: 10 - 17
May 10	Mary and Martha's	Luke 10: 38 - 42
May 17	One Sabbath	Luke 14: 1 – 11

Meals for 5,000 People in U.S.

Mass community service
projects for feeding.

Elizabeth Baptist Church
(Atlanta)

The City Eats Monthly
(San Francisco)

Share Food Program
(Philadelphia)





Feeding 5,000 Logistics

ChiFresh Kitchen prepares freshly cooked, nutritious meals for schools, clinics, and community organizations.

It's a 6,000-square-foot commercial kitchen designed to produce up to **5,000 meals daily**



Feed 5,000 Logistics

Double-sided buffet, 6 stations, 1 hour
Plated meals would require 1.5 – 2 hours
10 – 12 Chefs 25 – 30 Servers
Operational setup to cleanup 24 hours

Gospel Variables

Feeds 5,000 in all 4 Gospels

Matt 14 Mark 6



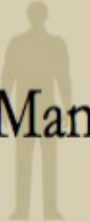

Luke 9 John 6

Feeds 4,000 only in
Matthew and Mark

Meal at Simon's – only Luke 7
Breakfast Beach – only John 21



FOUR POINTS OF VIEW

Gospel	Symbol	Viewpoint	Audience	Jesus the Son of God
Matthew	 Lion	Palestinian Jewish	Jewish world	Is the Messiah King of Israel
Mark	 Bull	Hellenistic Jewish	Greek-speaking world	Is the Power of God in the world
Luke	 Man	Greco-Roman	Gentile world	Is the Ideal Man of God
John	 Eagle	Heavenly	Whole world	Is the Word of God



Feeding 5,000? OR Feeding 15,000+

Matthew 14: 21, And those who ate were about 5,000 men, besides women and children

The mention of 5,000 men meant heads of households.

We can add 2,500 wives, 2,500 other women, and 5,000 children

Luke 9 Context

1 – 6 Jesus sends disciples to preach / heal

7 – 9 Herod confused, wants to see Jesus

10 – 17 Feeding 5,000 in Bethsaida

Towns of Galilee



Luke 9: 10 - 11

On their return the apostles told Jesus all that they had done. And He took them and withdrew to a town called Bethsaida. **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 needed healing.



Mark's Gospel Account of Crowds

Mark 6: 31 – 33, And Jesus 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. And they went away in the boat to Bethsaida. Now, many saw them going and recognized them, and **they ran on foot for all the towns and got there ahead of them.** When Jesus went ashore, he saw a great crowd and had compassion on them.



Walk / Run for Jesus

Capernaum to Bethsaida

6-mile walk; includes
crossing Jordan River –
(3 hours)

4.5 miles by boat
(90 min – 2 hours)

Bethsaida

Near where the Jordan
River enters Sea of Galilee

Fishing village of 500+

Hometown of Peter,
Andrew, and Philip

Place where Jesus walked
on water (Matt 14: 22)



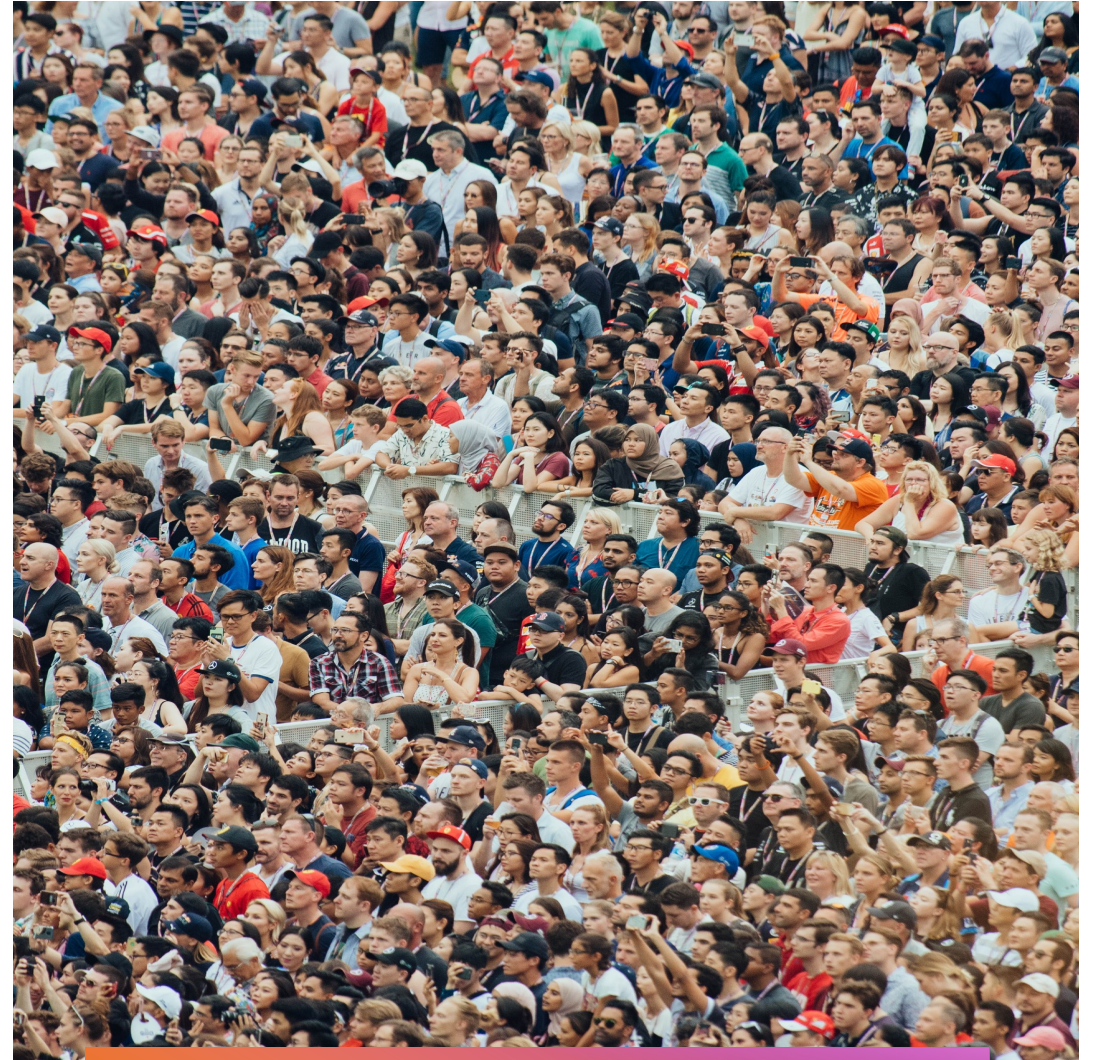


Luke 9: 12

Now the day began to wear away, and the twelve came and said to Jesus, “Send the crowd away to go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and get something to eat, for here we are in a desolate place.”

Luke 9: 13 - 15

But Jesus said to them, “You give them something to eat!” And they said, “We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we go and buy food for all these people.” For there were about 5,000 men. And Jesus said to His disciples, “Have them recline to eat in groups of about 50 each (100 groups).” And they did so and had them all sit down.



John's Gospel Account

John 6: 5 – 6, Lifting 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?” He said this to test him, for He Himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him, “**200 denarii of bread** would not be enough for each of them to get a little.”



200 Denarii



1 denarius: standard day's wage soldier or laborer.

50 denarii: well over a month's wages (\$5,000)

200 denarii: around 6 month's wages (\$20,000)

200 Denarii of Bread

1 denarius = 5 large loaves of bread.

200 denarii = 1,000 loaves of bread

1/family = 2,800 denarii
needed still





The Boy and the Blessing

John 6: 9, There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?”

Luke 9: 16a, And taking the five loaves and two fish, He looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them...

Luke 9: 16b - 17

Then Jesus gave them to the disciples to set before the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up **twelve** basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.



Jesus Fed the 5,000+
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Luke Ends John Continues

John 6: 14 - 15, After the people saw the miraculous sign that Jesus did, they began to say, “Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.” Jesus knowing that they intended to come and make him a King by force, withdrew again **to a mountain** by himself.

Mt. Gaulanitis – Golan Heights Ridge

Borders the Northeastern side of the Sea of Galilee (Bethsaida). A fertile, volcanic landscape.

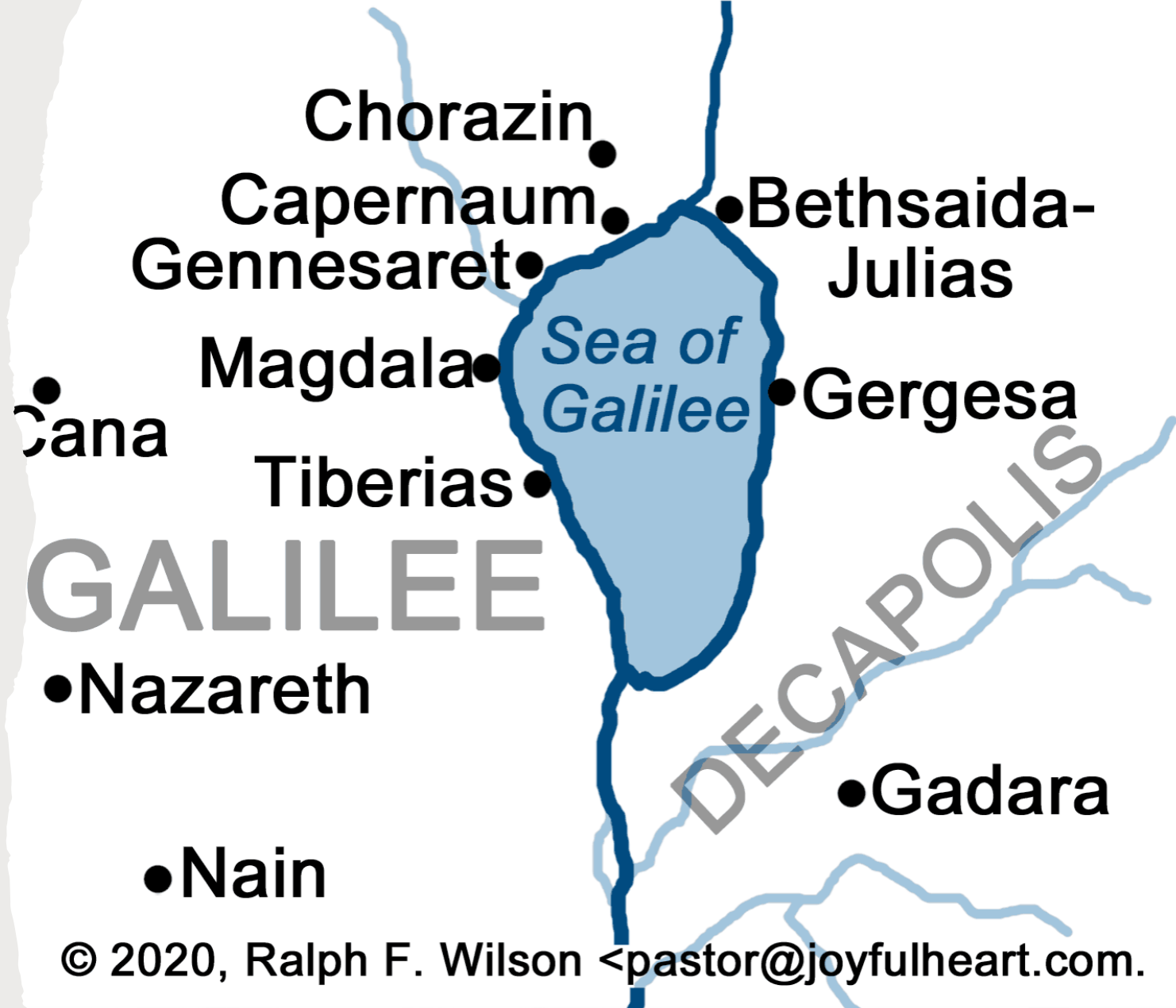
Jesus and his disciples frequently crossed to this eastern side to the "desolate" or "remote" place where Jesus found quiet from the crowds in Galilee.



Disciples Impatience

John 6: 16, When evening came, the disciples went down to the lake where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. A strong wind was blowing, and the waters grew rough. (A sudden storm)

Towns of Galilee





Sudden Storms on the Sea of Galilee

Caused by cold air from surrounding high cliffs rushing down into warm, low-lying basin (680 ft below SL).

Creates intense, dangerous (6 – 10 feet) waves in minutes without warning.

Jesus Walks on the Water

The People Search for Him

John 6: 23 – 24, Then some **boats from Tiberias** landed near where the people had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.



Boat for Jesus

Tiberias to Bethsaida

8 miles by boat (3 hours)

Bethsaida to Capernaum

4.5 miles by boat
(90 min – 2 hours)

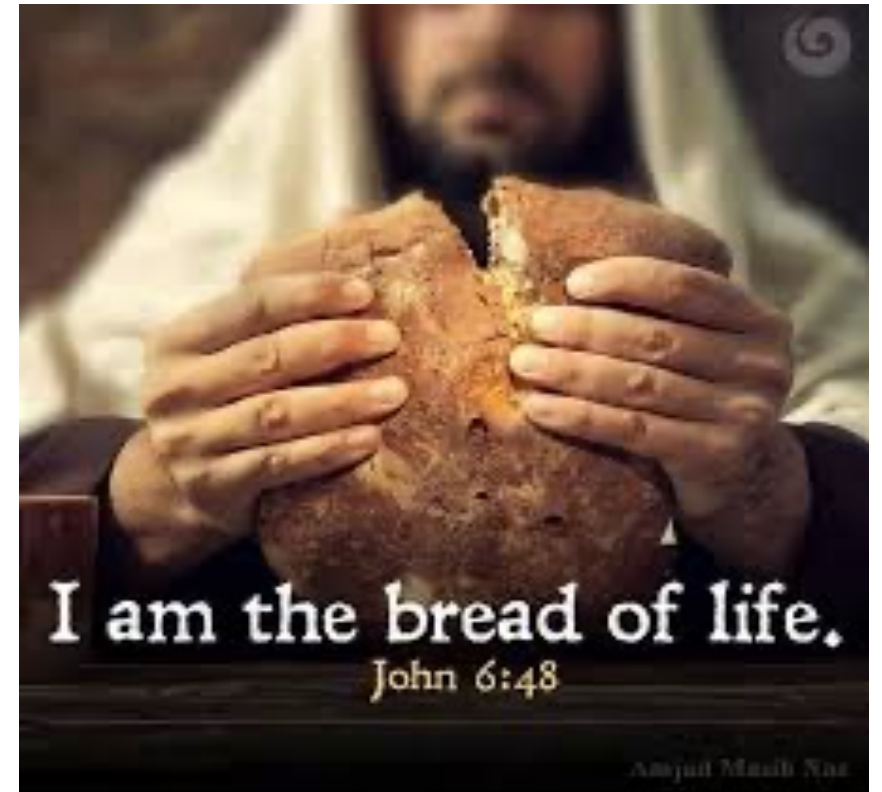


Finding Jesus

Finding the Bread of Life

John 6: 25, When they found Jesus on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”

John 6: 35, Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.



Closing Bread for Feeding

#1. We need to walk/run/boat for Jesus

1 Chronicles 16: 11, Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His face continually.

Luke 11: 9 – 10, And I tell you , ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and the one who knocks, it will be opened.

Closing Bread for Feeding

#2. Jesus cares for the multitudes

Feeding the 5,000 – 15,000 (all 4 gospels)

Feeding the 4,000 – 12,000 (Matthew and Mark)

Sermon on the Mount – 20,000 (Matthew and Luke)

Teachings from boats - (Matthew, Mark, and Luke)

2nd Peter 3: 9, God is not slow in keeping His promises, but is patient, desiring that no one perishes and that everyone comes to repentance.

Closing Bread for Feeding

#3 - Jesus feeds us to feed Others

Jesus: Producer of Life **Disciples:** Distributors of Life

Jesus says: “You give them something to eat!”

John 20: 21, Again, Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”