



**Selections from Mark 6, 7, 8**  
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## Matthew 16

**9 Don't you remember the 5,000 I fed with five loaves, and the baskets of leftovers you picked up? 10 Or the 4,000 I fed with seven loaves, and the large baskets of leftovers you picked up?**



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## Mark 6

**35 By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. “This is a remote place,” they said, “and it’s already very late. 36 Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.”**



**37 But he answered, “You give them something to eat.”**

**They said to him, “That would take more than half a year’s wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?”**



**38 “How many loaves do you have?” he asked. “Go and see.”**

**When they found out, they said, “Five—and two fish.”**



**39 Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. 40 So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. 41 Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves.**



**Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. 42 They all ate and were satisfied, 43 and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. 44 The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.**



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**12 Baskets**  
**12 Tribes**



**The feeding of the 5,000  
was a prophetic revelation  
of Christ's mission to Israel**



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## John 6

**26 Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. 27 Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you.**



**For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.” 28 Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?” 29 Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.” 30 So they asked him, “What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?”**



**31 Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ ”**

**32 Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.**



**33 For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” 34 “Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.” 35 Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.**



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## Mark 7

**31 Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.**





**The Decapolis was the heart of the Gentile world—a place many faithful Jews avoided, but Jesus intentionally entered.**



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## Mark 8

**1 About this time another large crowd had gathered, and the people ran out of food again. Jesus called his disciples and told them, 2 “I feel sorry for these people. They have been here with me for three days, and they have nothing left to eat.**



**3 If I send them home hungry, they will faint along the way. For some of them have come a long distance.” 4 His disciples replied, “How are we supposed to find enough food to feed them out here in the wilderness?” 5 Jesus asked, “How much bread do you have?”**  
**“Seven loaves,” they replied.**



**6 So Jesus told all the people to sit down on the ground. Then he took the seven loaves, thanked God for them, and broke them into pieces. He gave them to his disciples, who distributed the bread to the crowd. 7 A few small fish were found, too, so Jesus also blessed these and told the disciples to distribute them.**



**8 They ate as much as they wanted.**

**Afterward, the disciples picked up seven large baskets of leftover food. 9 There were about 4,000 men in the crowd that day, and Jesus sent them home after they had eaten.**



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**7 Baskets**  
**7 Nations**



**The seven baskets symbolize God's abundant provision reaching the nations, showing that His table was always meant to be bigger than Israel alone.**



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## Acts 9



**23 After many days had gone by, there was a conspiracy among the Jews to kill him, 24 but Saul learned of their plan. Day and night they kept close watch on the city gates in order to kill him. 25 But his followers took him by night and lowered him in a basket through an opening in the wall.**



**The same type of basket that once  
overflowed with bread now carries the  
messenger of the Bread of Life.**



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