

Sunday, August 2nd, 2026
Sermon Series: “Jesus, Who?”
“Setting the Table.” *Matthew 14.13-21*.
(Pentecost)

The Miracle of the “Feeding of the 5,000”... Text and Context (*Mark 6.32-44; Luke 9.10-11; John 6.1-13*)

Exodus 16.4-5 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not...

Deuteronomy 18.15 “The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen...

2 Kings 4.42b-44 ...And Elisha said, “Give to the men, that they may eat.”⁴³ But his servant said, “How can I set this before a hundred men?” So he repeated, “Give them to the men, that they may eat, for thus says the LORD, ‘They shall eat and have some left.’”⁴⁴ So he set it before them. And they ate and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

Matthew 14.13a Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself...

The _____ of the Messiah (Jesus).

Matthew 14.13b-14 ...But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.¹⁴ When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had **compassion** on them and healed their sick.

σπλαγχνίζομαι (*splagchnizomai*): Lit., “To move the inward parts” (Pity/Sympathy/Compassion)

Psalms 23.1-3 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.² He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.³ He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

The _____ of the Messiah (Jesus).

Matthew 14.15-18 Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”¹⁶ But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.”¹⁷ They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.”¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.”

Matthew 14.19-21 Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.²⁰ And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over.²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

(Answers: Passion. Power.)