

A Feast in the Wild; Terror on the Sea (John 6:1-21)

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Introduction

Historic Background

Herod Antipas and John the Baptist

Jesus' Response

Passover Pilgrims: Why would they go down the east side of the Sea of Galilee?

The Greater-than-Moses Prophet Feeds a Multitude (6:1-14)

⁶₁ After these *things* Jesus went away across the Sea of Galilee (the *Sea* of Tiberias). ² And a large multitude was following Him, because they had seen His signs that He was doing on the sick.

⁶₃ And Jesus went up on a mountain and He sat there with His disciples. ⁴ Now Passover, a feast for Judeans, was near.

⁶₅ Therefore lifting His eyes and seeing a large multitude that came to Him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where will we buy loaves, so they may eat?" ⁶ Now He said this to test him, for He knew what He was about to do.

⁶₇ Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii *worth of* loaves are not enough for them, so each of them might receive a little."

⁶₈ One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, told Him, ⁹ "Here is a young boy who has five barley loaves and two small fish— but what are these for so many?"

⁶₁₀ However, Jesus said, "Make • the people recline." Now that place had much grass. So the men (numbering about five thousand) reclined.

⁶₁₁ Now Jesus took the loaves, and after giving thanks He dispensed *them* to the disciples, and the disciples to those reclining. Likewise also of the small fish, as much as they wanted.

6₁₂ Now when they were full, He told His disciples, “Gather• the leftover pieces so nothing may be wasted.”

What’s the big deal about not wasting pita bread here?

6₁₃ So they gathered *them* and filled twelve baskets with pieces of the five barley loaves that were left over by those who had eaten.

6₁₄ Therefore seeing the sign that Jesus did, men were saying, “This really is the Prophet, the *One* coming into the world.”

Deuteronomy 18:15-22; Acts 3:22

The LORD Delivers His Disciples from the Sea (John 6:15-21)

6₁₅ Therefore when Jesus knew that *people* were about to come and seize Him, so they might make Him king, He withdrew alone onto the mountain.

6₁₆ Now as evening came, His disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ and upon boarding the boat, they were going across the sea to Capernaum. Now darkness had already come, but Jesus had not come to them.

6₁₈ Then the sea was billowing, because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ So after rowing about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat. And they were afraid.

6₂₀ But He told them, “I am, do• not be afraid.”

Exodus 3:14

6₂₁ So they wanted to receive Him into the boat. And at once the boat was at the shore, where they had been going.

Conclusion