



## **JOHN 6- SMALL THINGS THE SIGN OF THE FEEDING OF THE 5000**

### **INTRODUCTION**

In this series, we have been asking the question, Who is Jesus really? The utter confidence that Jesus has in the authority he carries on behalf of His Father is riveting. The implications of this miracle are so profound, even by contrast to Moses, his forerunner as leader of the nation of Israel.

Moses hears from God that Bread from heaven will fall each morning. Moses however doesn't create this bread...

But Jesus literally creates new bread and fish by breaking and blessing them for the entire crowd. The sign conveys, as clearly as turning the water into wine, Jesus' Supernatural power and Lordship over natural things. The freedom this brings His followers is incredible, as it should remove anxiety about Provision for example, once and for all.

1. The Prophet- Read and discuss: John 6:1-3 NASB-

### **KEYPOINT**

There are so many parallels in this story and sign that Jesus performs that are a direct correlation to the leadership identity and role that Moses had carried on behalf of the nation of Israel. Consider Deuteronomy 18:15 NASB <https://www.bible.com/100/deu.18.15.nasb>

As mentioned above, Moses promised that another leader would rise with similar authority to his own. And this new Prophet would bring positive change just as Moses had done:

A. Moses led his people out of slavery to freedom- Jesus overcomes our deeper enslavement to sin and self.

- B. Moses defeated the oppressors who held the Nation of Israel captive - Jesus overcomes Satan and Death itself
- C. Moses institutes the Passover - Jesus fulfilled the Passover
- D. Moses found a way through the wilderness- Jesus is the way through the Wilderness
- E. Moses took his leadership team up on the mountain with him and into the Presence of God- Jesus is God in human form (See John 1:10-15)
- F. Moses led his people to the Promised Land- Jesus IS the Promise of God delivered to us.

2. The Dilemma of the Crowd and their needs - Read and discuss John 6:4-10

**KEYPOINT**

Discuss the fact that Jesus puts His disciples to a test. Why does He do this? Joyce Meyer has reminded us often- “No Test = No Testimony “

Discuss also that Jesus chooses to include all his Team in the making and distribution of the miracle- right down to finding a practical solution to the crisis.

In what way is this miracle serious fun? What would it have been like to be involved?

3. Small Things in the Hands of Jesus - Read and discuss John 6:8-14 NASB

**KEYPOINT**

Small things become miraculous in the hands of Jesus. The Generosity of the boy, coupled with the Genius of the Saviour don't just feed the physical hunger of the crowd, (and the boy himself ) but also are transformational for everyone who sees who Jesus was in the act He performed.

4. The Work that God requires...

Discuss - “Therefore they said to Him, “What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?” Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent.””John 6:28-29 NASB

**KEYPOINT**

Jesus, sums up the radical difference between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant He is ushering in. Faith not works is what justifies us before God- Faith directed to the One whom God sent..... Jesus!