

“New Creation Fulfillment”

John 6:1-15; 22ff

The Miracle: Feeding 5,000 (+) with One Small Lunch – Jo 6:1-15 (Matt 14; Mk 6: Lk 9)

- A lesson in problem-solving: (the “test” – Jo 6:6)
 - ...idea #1 – Tell them to go away! – Mk 6:35-36
 - ...idea #2 – Take up an offering! – Jo 6:7
 - ...idea #3 – Count what you have, and present it to Jesus! – Jo 6:9

- The realization of their inadequacy (“not I”) meant to press them into sufficiency of Christ (“but Christ”) – Ga 2:20
 - ...He alone fills us “full” – Jo 6:11; 10:10; Eph 1:8; Col 2:9,10
 - ...Enough for us, leftovers/overflow for others – Jo 6:12-13

The Message: Jesus Alone Fills Us Full of What the Perishable Cannot – Jo 6:26-65

- People are “hungry” for “life” – Matt 4:4
 - ...“bread” – any created, perishable entity we try to “fill up” on – Jo 6:27; I Jo 2:15-17

- “I Am the Bread of Life” – Jo 6:35,48
 - ...true bread... living bread – Jo 6:32,51,53
 - ...all true, living security, significance, sufficiency is in Me – Jo 6:33,35,51
 - ...we can have as much of Him as we want – Jo 6:11,12
 - (“as long as you are willing to trust Me” – Jo 6:29)

- Many will take offence – Jo 6:61
 - ...and miss out on the miraculous transformation of new creation fulfillment in Christ – Jo 6:63-67
 - ...many prefer to judge the Word of God rather than be judged by Him – Jo 6:52
 - ...offended at...
 - = the exclusivity of it all – Jo 6:32,33,35,40,51
 - = the unseen nature of it all – Jo 6:29,30,63
 - = the simplicity of it all – Jo 6:35,37,39,40

- Christ alone is able to fill us full of Life – Jo 6:47-48,63