

“Abundance”

Matthew 14:13-21

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Jesus was feeling sad because his friend John had died. So, Jesus went to a quiet place where no one would find him and he sat down and thought about the wonderful person of God that John had been.

But then, Uncle Floyd heard that Jesus was here, so he brought Barabas and Gator. And then more people came, like the Mawakasungas came. And then Ken and Kat came, and Frank, all the way from California. And Pastor Ed and his whole family came and of course Pr. Glenn came to see Jesus!

And then a whole casserole of Potatoes came! Everybody came. That is just the way it always was for Jesus. Where ever he went, there would be a crowd of people there. Often a HUGE crowd. They wanted to hear Jesus talk, and they wanted him to heal them if they were sick.



On this day, as He did every day, Jesus healed people and he told wonderful stories and he had compassion and love for EVERY PERSON THERE! And the day was finally almost over and evening began to fall.

So, Jesus's helpers said “Well, it's time to send everybody home. They all need to eat their supper and all we have here is a few fish and some loaves of bread. That surely is not enough!” And they may have laughed at their own joke!

And of course, that would not be enough food for the crowd, because there were 5000 men there besides women and children! That means there were thousands and thousands of people there!

So, what to do? So little food. Well, Jesus took that little bit of food and looked up to heaven and said a blessing, like maybe you do when you have supper at home.

And then he gave the bread and fish to his helpers and somehow, it must have been a miracle, somehow there was so much food that there were even leftovers. Indeed, it was a miracle!

Jesus took so little food and created abundance. Abundance (can you repeat that word, abundance) means a whole lot of something, a great, giant amount of food in this case. Jesus made so much food from those two fishes and five loaves that it fed 5,000 men, beside women and children. And then they collected the leftovers, 12 huge baskets full! Now, that is abundance.

Jesus blesses US with abundance, a whole lot of wonderful gifts. And the best gifts from Jesus are His Love and Forgiveness. THE END