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**Wed Night Bible Study**

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**JESUS FEEDS 5000**

**(Blessings from Jesus are more than enough for us)**

***John 6:12-15 (NKJV)
12  So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost."
13  Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten.
14  Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world."
15  Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone.***

[**6:12-13**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+6%3A12-13)**.** The words, **when they had all had enough to eat,** show that John intended to stress that a miracle took place.

**The disciples' gathering of the 12 baskets of fragments was part of their education, to show them that He is more than adequate for their needs**. Later He appealed to their spiritual stupidity (cf. [Mark 8:17-21](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Mk+8%3A17-21)). Even though the disciples were closer to Jesus than the crowds, they too were in spiritual blindness ([Mark 6:52](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Mk+6%3A52)).

[**6:14-15**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+6%3A14-15)**.** Seeing this **miraculous sign**, the people recalled Moses' prediction that a **Prophet** like him would arise ([Deut. 18:15](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Dt+18%3A15)). Moses had fed the people. Moses had led them out of bondage. Jesus had fed the people. Jesus could lead the people out of the hated Roman bondage.

The people saw His sign, but they did not perceive its meaning. They wanted to seize Him **and make Him King.** This marks the highpoint of Jesus' popularity and a great temptation for Him. Could He have the kingdom without the Cross? No. Jesus' kingdom would be given to Him by the Father (cf. [Ps. 2:7-12](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+2%3A7-12); [Dan. 7:13-14](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Da+7%3A13-14)). It will not come from this world ([John 18:36](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+18%3A36)). The path of the Father's will lies in another direction. **Before He can be the reigning Lion of Judah, He must be the Lamb who bears the sin of the world** ([1:29](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+1%3A29)).

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