

WHAT ~~WOULD~~ COULD JESUS DO?

John 6:1-14

1. The Context

A) A stressful time for Jesus and His disciples

- > The disciples' first "missions" trip (Mark 6:7-13)
- > John the Baptist beheaded (Mark 6:14-29)
- > A busy schedule of ministering to the needy (Mark 6:31b)

B) Jesus decides that it is an appropriate time for a "break" (Mark 6:31a, 32)

- > The multitudes have another idea – they walk around the sea and find Jesus (Mark 6:33)
- > Instead of a day to rest Jesus and the disciples spend another day ministering (Mark 6:35)

C) The Passover was near (John 6:4)

- > A significant detail in light of the miracle and Jesus' teaching (John 6:32-33)

D) As the evening approaches, Jesus decides to feed everybody – 5,000 men plus women and children

- > No problem, He has 5 barley loaves and two small fish! (John 6:9)

E) The miracle is obvious and the response is overwhelming

- > The multitudes are ready to make Jesus their King!
Jesus leaves them and goes off by Himself (John 6:15)
The disciples decide to go back across the sea toward Capernaum (John 6:16)

F) The next day the crowds will travel back around the sea looking for Jesus again

- > The second half of this chapter points us toward the significance of the miracle

2. The Question

A) Jesus asks, "Where shall we buy bread that these may eat?"

- > Was it because Jesus was lacking information that He asked this question?

Did Jesus lack necessary information about the geography and availability of food?

> Was it because Jesus was unsure about what to do that He asked this question?

> Jesus asked the question to test Philip and the other disciples

Do you understand who I am? If you do, it will change the way you handle this situation.

3. The Answers

A) Philip's response tells us something about his heart – he is the problem solver

> Philip's answer to Jesus' question (John 6:7)

B) Andrew's response and answer tells us something about his heart (John 6:9)

> Mary had more insight into who Jesus was and what He was capable of in John 2

C) The lad's response tells us something about his heart

> It may not be much but it is all that he has He trusts Jesus with his lunch

This lad doesn't know what Jesus is going to do with it, but that doesn't matter - If Jesus needs it, then Jesus gets it.

4. The Miracle

A) Jesus gave His disciples instructions – Make the people sit down (John 6:10)

B) Jesus prayed a prayer of blessing to His Father (John 6:11)

> A prayer that blessed the Father for His provision, not the food.

C) Jesus began to break the bread and the fish and gave it to His disciples to distribute (John 6:11)

> Why did Jesus involve His disciples in this miracle? Did He need them?

5. The Question

A) When your faith is tested by the seemingly overwhelming circumstances of your life

> What do you do?

> Who do you turn to?

> What could Jesus do?