



(“JESUS FEEDS FIVE THOUSAND” courtesy of Austin Avenue United Methodist Church, Waco, Texas)

Luke 9: 16-17

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples to set before the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.



A MIRACLE MEAL

John the Baptist had just been beheaded, causing Jesus sadness and grief

Requiring time to reflect, He slipped from the crowds for a time of quiet relief

Jesus, the Great Healer, now enormously popular, was sought after more and more

Thus, watching His boat, the people kept track, and followed along the shore.

Showing great compassion Christ compared them to sheep, needing care from His own hand

This pitiful flock, lost without a shepherd, required love; His Father's command

The day quickly passed under the Master's care, and the hour was growing quite late

Causing the disciples to describe the crowd's intense hunger, as a need that could not wait.

To their surprise, the Master's command was to give them something to eat

Which to their human minds was insurmountable; an absolutely impossible feat

Jesus then instructed them to look among the people and see what they could find

Obtaining five loaves of bread and only two fish, they knew they were in a bind.

Jesus then broke the bread, looked toward heaven and to His Father did thankfully pray

Resulting in 5,000 men plus women and children eating God's miracle meal that day

Let us all bring the simplicity of who we are to the mighty altar of God above

Allowing Him to transform our ordinary gifts with His abundant miracle of love.