

**Jesus is the manna from heaven: feeding the multitudes and fulfilling the mission
(John 6.1-21; 03-07-21am)**

Central thought: Jesus is sufficient & He is satisfying for your every need – ultimately for your salvation

I. Finding Jesus in the miracle: the heart of a shepherd and the purposes of God

A. Purposes of God: this miracle would further identify Jesus as Messiah (John 1.3; Col 1.16)

B. Heart of God: Jesus is a compassionate shepherd (cf. Mark 6.34)

II. Finding encouragement in the miracle: six lessons that help grow our faith

1. Faith is optimistic (7-9) Focus on what can be done, not on what seems impossible
2. Faith needs hands and feet (8-9) Be alert to needs of others and let God to use your readiness to help
3. God uses meager portions for greater good Recognize God's Providence in your ability to help (9-11)
4. Gratitude for what is available demonstrates your trust that God will make it enough (11)
5. God's provisions are always enough (12)
6. Jesus did not come to be a King of our own design (14-15)

III. Finding Jesus on the water: getting Him in the boat (16-21)

1. The presence of Jesus should always be a calming influence in the storms of our lives (2 Pet 2.9; Is 55.6)
2. There is no situation or circumstance that can overwhelm the power or ability of Jesus to rescue us

3. When the storms of life threaten your peace and assurance, don't be frightened; get Jesus in the boat