



The Gospel According to John

Lesson 14: [John 6:1-21](#)

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1. Preparation: Read at least one of the following [Matthew 14:13-23](#), [Mark 6:31-52](#), [Luke 9:11-17](#). Pray. Write out and then memorize [John 6:20](#).

2. Study: [John 6:1-21](#). Read [Kostenberger, Encountering John](#), Chapter 7, pages 82-84.

a. **Observation:** What do the Scripture passages say?

- (1) **Where** is Jesus at the start of this Scripture passage? (see [John 5:1](#)) [\[MAP\]](#)
- (2) **Where** did Jesus go next? [\[MAP\]](#)
- (3) **Who** was [Tiberias](#)?
- (4) **How** many people were following Jesus?
- (5) **Why** were these people following Jesus?
- (6) **When** (what time of year) was it? ([Deuteronomy 16:1](#))
- (7) **What** question did Jesus ask Philip and **why**?
- (8) **What** was Philip's solution to the problem? **What** (how much) was Philip's estimate?
- (9) **What** was a denarii? How much would Philip's estimate be in today's US dollars?
- (10) **Who** proposed the next solution and **what** was it?
- (11) How many people in total (men, women, and children) may have been in need?
- (12) Describe the process Jesus used to provide for these people and His twelve disciples:
- (13) How much did the people eat? Where there any leftovers? If so, how much?
- (14) **Where** did Jesus go next? **Why**?
- (15) **Where** did Jesus' disciples start to go next, **why**, and **how** (means of transportation)?

(16) **Why** might Jesus have sent His disciples away?

(17) **What** happened while the disciples were en route?

(18) **How** did the disciples react? **Why**? (Matthew 14:22-26)

(19) **How** did Jesus respond? (Isaiah 43:1-2)

(20) **What** happened next?

b. **Interpretation:** What does the Scripture passage mean?

(1) **Why** did Jesus involve His disciples in this sign the way He did?

(2) **How** did this event compare to 2 Kings 4:42-44?

(3) **How** does John's account of these events differ from the accounts in the Synoptic Gospels?

(4) **Why** is John's account different? (John 20:30-31)

c. **Application:** How will you apply this Scripture passage in your life?

(1) Has God ever provided for your needs in an unexpected or abundant way? Share your story.

(2) Have you ever been in a bad situation in which you asked God for help and His presence calmed your fears? Share your story.

3. Write out John 6:20 from memory.

4. Read Ephesians 3:14-21. Conclude your study time with prayer. Thank God for being your provider.