



**AND THEY ALL ATE AND WERE SATISFIED**

MARK 6:35-44

*Our greatest need;*

**ROMANS 12:2**

<sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

**ROMANS 10:17**

<sup>17</sup> So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

**EPHESIANS 4:11-12**

<sup>11</sup> And he gave...the *shepherds* and *teachers*, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ...

**Our greatest need is to have our thoughts continually and increasingly shaped by the comprehension of God, to receive instruction in the Words of Life, to receive the enlightenment that leads to faith...to be reconciled to God through the atoning work of Christ, which necessarily begins with instruction in His Word**

*Jesus is the greater Moses;*

**NUMBERS 11:13-14**

<sup>13</sup> Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' <sup>14</sup> I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me.

*Jesus tests them with a probing question;*

**JOHN 6:5-6**

<sup>5</sup> Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" <sup>6</sup> He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do.

*Having met their spiritual (and most pressing) need, Jesus now meets their physical need;*

**JAMES 2:15-16**

<sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup> and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?

**1 JOHN 3:17**

<sup>17</sup> But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

*The "boy" with the loaves and fish;*

**JOHN 6:9**

<sup>9</sup> "There is a *boy* here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?"

*Jesus invites the apostles to join Him in His work;*

**JOHN 4:32-33**

<sup>32</sup> But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." <sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him something to eat?"

*Jesus is the perfect fulfilment of the Old Testament calls for a shepherd;*

**EZEKIEL 34:23**

<sup>23</sup> And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd.

**EZEKIEL 34:11**

<sup>11</sup> "For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out.

**PSALM 78:72**

<sup>72</sup> With upright heart he shepherded them and guided them with his skillful hand.

**ISAIAH 40:11**

<sup>11</sup> He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

*Jesus has exemplified for them "seeking first the kingdom of God";*

**MATTHEW 6:33**

<sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

*The satisfaction of the crowd;*

**ISAIAH 55:1-2**

<sup>1</sup> "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

**PSALM 34:8**

<sup>8</sup> Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!