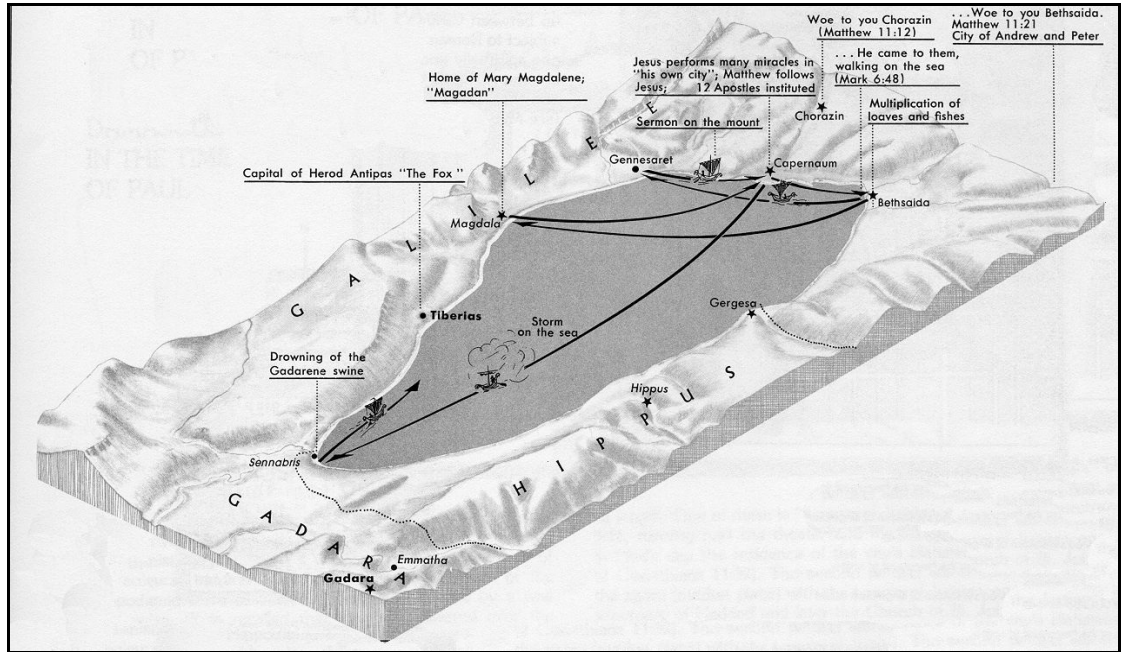


John 6:1-15

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**A 2000-YEAR-OLD PICNIC**

**Introduction:**



Why would we be interested in a 2000-year-old picnic?

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**I. BECAUSE OF THE MASTER WHO PREPARED IT**

**A. The Setting (vs. 1-3)**

“after these things Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (or Tiberias)”

“a large crowd followed Him because they saw the signs which He was performing on those who were sick”

“Jesus went up on the mountain, and there e sat down with His disciples”

**B. The Response (vs. 14-15)**

“when the people saw the sign which He had performed”

“they said, ‘This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world.’”

“Jesus, perceiving that they were intending to come and take Him by force to make Him king, withdrew again to the mountain by Himself alone”

**II. BECAUSE OF THE MIRACLE HE PERFORMED**

**A. The Problem (vs. 4-7)**

“the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was near”

“Jesus, lifting up His eyes and seeing that a large crowd was coming to Him”

“Jesus...said to Philip, ‘Where are we to buy bread, so that these may eat?’”

“This He was saying to test him, for He Himself knew what He was intending to do.”

#### B. The Pessimism (vs. 8-9)

“Philip answered Him, ‘Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, for everyone to receive a little.’”

“Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to Him, ‘There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are these for so many people?’”

#### C. The Provision (vs. 10-13)

“Jesus said, ‘Have the people sit down.’ ...So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.”

“now there was much grass in the place”

“Jesus then took the loaves, and having given thanks...”

“He distributed to those who were seated; likewise also of the fish as much as they wanted.”

“When they were filled, He said to His disciples, ‘Gather up the leftover fragments so that nothing will be lost.’”

“So they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten.”

### III. BECAUSE OF THE MEN HE PREPARED

#### A. Philip and Andrew (vs. 5-9)

#### B. The Twelve (vs. 10-13)

#### C. The Rest of Us

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#### Food for Thought:

- 1) With so many needs in the world, how do we decide where to devote our time, money, and effort?
- 2) What is your first response when faced with a need that is beyond your ability to provide for?
- 3) When is it right to say “no”?
- 4) What are the conditions we must meet in order to experience God’s blessing?