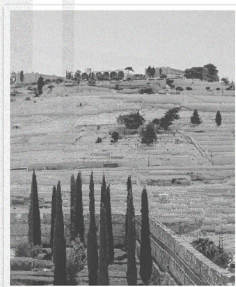


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FIVE LOAVES AND TWO FISH

discussion questions

1. What signs of eyewitness account do you see in this passage, as opposed to signs of legendary development?
2. Read the parallel account of these events in Mark 6:30-52. What differences and similarities do you see in the two accounts? How do they compliment each other? Given what was included in each account, what might the priorities of each gospel writer have been?
3. Throughout these accounts, in both the feeding of the five thousand and the walking on water, we see intentionality on the part of Jesus. What might have been his intentions in performing these miracles? For example, why did Jesus single out Philip in John 6:5?
4. Describe any current life circumstances that seem impossibly difficult with no apparent solution. What might faith look like in those circumstances? What resources can be brought, regardless of how small? What might God's intentions be for you in those circumstances?

The Book of John

The Word Became Flesh

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.² He was in the beginning with God.³ All things were made through him, yet the world did not know him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men.⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.⁷ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁸ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.⁹ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.¹⁰ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.¹¹ But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,¹² who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹³ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.¹⁴ (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'")¹⁵ For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.¹⁶ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.¹⁷ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.