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John 6:1-15

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Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

6 Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of
Tiberias), [2] and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed
by healing the sick. [3] Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. [4] The
Jewish Passover Festival was near.

[5] When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, “Where shall
we buy bread for these people to eat?” [6] He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind
what he was going to do.

[7] Philip answered him, “It would take more than half a year’s wages[a] to buy enough bread for each
one to have a bite!”

[8] Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, spoke up,[9] “Here is a boy with five small
barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?”

[10] Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down
(about five thousand men were there).[11] Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to
those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

[12] When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, “Gather the pieces that are left over.
Let nothing be wasted.” [13] So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five
barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

[14] After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, “Surely this is the Prophet who
is to come into the world.” [15] Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force,
withdrew again to a mountain by himself.