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10 When the apostles returned, they reported to Jesus what they had done. Then he took them with him and they withdrew by themselves to a town called Bethsaida, **11** but the crowds learned about it and followed him. He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing.

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Mark 6:33-34

33 But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. **34** When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

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“The kingdom of God was a focal point of Jesus’ teaching. He explained that it was not just a future kingdom, it was among them, embodied in Him, the Messiah. Even though the kingdom will not be complete until Jesus comes again in glory, we do not need to wait to experience it. The kingdom of God begins in the hearts of those who believe in Jesus.”

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Luke 9:12-13

12 Late in the afternoon the Twelve came to him and said, “Send the crowd away so they can go to the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging, because we are in a remote place here.”

13 He replied, “You give them something to eat.” They answered, “We have only five loaves of bread and two fish — unless we go and buy food for all this crowd.”

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“Each of the Synoptics records the disciples’ unimaginative suggestion that the crowds be sent away to find their own food.”

The Expositor’s Bible Commentary

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Luke 9:14

14 (About five thousand men were there.) But he said to his disciples, “Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.”

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John 6:5-7

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, “Eight months wages would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!”

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Luke 9:15-17

15 The disciples did so, and everyone sat down. **16** Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people. **17** They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.

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Ezekiel 34:22-24

22 I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another. **23** I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. **24** I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the LORD have spoken.

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Isaiah 25:6-8

6 On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine — the best of meats and the finest of wines. **7** On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations;

8 he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The LORD has spoken.

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Isaiah 65:13-14

13 Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says: “My servants will eat, but you will go hungry; my servants will drink, but you will go thirsty; my servants will rejoice, but you will be put to shame. **14** My servants will sing out of the joy of their hearts, but you will cry out from anguish of heart and wail in brokenness of spirit.

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“Attempts to explain away this miracle are inadequate. If Jesus was, as He claimed to be, God incarnate, the miracle presents no difficulties. God had promised when the true Shepherd came, the desert would become rich pasture where the sheep would be gathered.”

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Main point

Jesus does provide for His flock

Applications

- **Trust Jesus to meet our needs, not our wants**
- **We can trust in His provision because He is who He claimed to be**

Final Thoughts

“The miracle reveals not only Jesus’ power over nature, but His ability to care for and sustain His people. The extra food left over confirms the abundant nature of God’s blessing and sustenance.”

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“...Jesus does not ignore needs. He is concerned with every aspect of our lives- the physical as well as the spiritual. As we work to bring wholeness to people’s lives, we must never ignore the fact that all of us have both physical and spiritual needs. It is impossible to minister effectively to one type of need without considering the other.”

Final Thoughts

Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. **2** He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. **3** He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. **4** Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

**for thou art with me; thy rod and
thy staff they comfort me 5 Thou
preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies: thou
anointest my head with oil; my cup
runneth over. 6 Surely goodness and
mercy shall follow me all the days of
my life: and I will dwell in the house
of the LORD for ever.**