

LESSON VIII.

CHRIST FEEDING THE FIVE THOUSAND

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John 6: 1-14. Commit to Memory vs. 9-11. Compare Matt. 14: 13-21; Mark 6: 31-44. Luke 9: 10-17.

1. After these things Je'sus went (1) over the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias.

2. And a great multitude followed Him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased.

3. And Je'sus went up into (4) a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples.

4. And the passover, (4) a feast of the Jews, was nigh.

5. When Je'sus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy (6) bread that these may eat?

6. And this he said to prove him; for he himself knew what he would do.

7. Philip answered him, Two hundred penny-worth of (6) bread is not sufficient for them, that everyone of them may take a little.

8. One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him,

9. There is a lad here, which hath five barley

loaves, and (6) two small fishes; but what are they among so many?

10. And Jesus said, Make the (7) men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

11. And Je'sus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, (8) he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.

12. When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.

13. Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.

14. (9) Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said: This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.

Revised Version.—(1) Away to the other side of; (2) Beheld the signs; (3) Diseased; (4) The; (5) Mary, Gr. Loaves; (6) Fishes; (7) People; (8) Simply. "He distributed to them that were set down"; (9) When therefore the people saw the sign which He did.

GOLDEN TEXT

"I am the bread of life."
John 6: 35.

DAILY READINGS

M.—John 6: 1-14. Feeding the five thousand.

T.—Mark 8: 1-9. The four thousand fed.

W.—Mark 8: 14-21. The miracle remembered.

Th.—Deut. 8: 1-6. Not by bread alone.

F.—Matt. 6: 25-33. The first things.

S.—John 6: 22-34. The true Bread.

Sa.—John 6: 35-51. The Bread of Life.

LESSON PLAN

CHRIST FEEDING THE FIVE THOUSAND.

I. THE HUNGRY CROWD, 1-4.

Following because they had seen His miracles.

II. THE QUESTION OF SUPPLY, 5-9.

Jesus asks; Philip answers; Andrew suggests.

III. AN ABUNDANT FEAST, 10, 11.

IV. THE FRAGMENTS THAT REMAINED, 12-13.

Twelve baskets full.

V. THE EFFECT OF THE MIRACLE, 14.

Jesus the Prophet.

TIME AND PLACE

Probably a year after last lesson and on northeast shore of sea of Galilee.

CATECHISM

Q. 48. Which is the second commandment?

A. The second commandment is, Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them; for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

LESSON HYMNS—76 (Ps.), 17, 1, 201, 202.

CONNECTING LINKS

The first five chapters of John's Gospel belong to Christ's Judean ministry. Between chapters 5 and 6 are to be placed the events recorded in Matthew 4: 12 to 14: 15; Mark 1: 14 to 6: 30; Luke 4: 14 to 9: 10. These events represent His ministry in Eastern Galilee, which closed with the death of John the Baptist. The lesson belongs to His ministry in Northern Galilee, which lasted from the death of John the Baptist to Christ's final departure from Galilee. The miracle of the feeding of the five thousand is the only one that is given by all four of the evangelists.

EXPOSITION

I. The Hungry Crowd, 1-4.

V. 1. "After these things." A considerable time elapsed between the events of the last chapter and those of this lesson. It is supposed to have been not less than a full year. "Went over the sea"; to the north-eastern shore, "a desert

(or sparsely inhabited) place," belonging to the city called (Julias) "Bethsaida" (Luke 9: 10).

V. 2. "A great multitude followed Him." While Christ crossed in a boat, they journeyed by land. The distance was not very great, possibly a two hours' tramp. By keeping near the