

SERIES: Gospel of John  
**The Baskets and the Boat**  
John 6:1-21

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  - Jesus goes up a **mountain**.
  - This event takes place during the **Passover** which celebrated Israel's deliverance from Egypt.
    - 1st Passover- Jesus' body is the **temple** that will be destroyed and raised in three days.
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- These two miracles point to one big reality: Jesus is greater than Moses.

**The Baskets: Jesus Miraculously Feeds His People (6:5-13)**

- Jesus **tests** the faith of his disciples. (5-9)
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- Jesus **reveals** his power to his disciples. (10-11)
  - No problem is a match for Jesus' power.
    - When Jesus supplies, it is never too **little**.
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  - Jesus is not only greater than Moses, but he is greater than **Elisha**. (2 Kings 4:42-44)
- Jesus **provides** for the needs of his disciples. (12-13)
  - Why does Jesus care about the leftover bread?
    - A personal lesson: Nothing of his will ever be **lost**. (John 6:39)
    - A national lesson: Jesus can supply the needs of all his people. (Phil. 4:19)

**The Boat: Jesus Miraculously Crosses the Sea (6:16-21)**

- As Moses led Israel across the Red Sea, Jesus crosses the sea with his disciples.
  - Notice the **dark**.
    - Darkness and night often occur when Jesus is absent. (John 3:2, 13:30).
  - Notice the **wind**.
  - Notice the storm.
    - John never mentions that Jesus calms the **storm**.
    - John is showing how Jesus calms our **fears**.
  - Notice their fear.
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      - Moses led the people to walk **through** water.
      - Jesus met his people by walking **on** water.
  - Notice Jesus' claim.
    - Jesus says what Moses heard God say at the burning bush: "I Am."
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**Jesus: God-Sent Prophet or Man-Made Puppet? (6:14-15)**

- The people want to make Jesus their king.
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  - Jesus is not a puppet to be manipulated. He is the God to be worshiped.
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