

•1 After this, Jesus went across Lake Galilee (or, Lake Tiberias, as it is also called). 2 A large crowd followed him, because they had seen his miracles of healing the sick. 3 Jesus went up a hill and sat down with his disciples. 4 The time for the Passover Festival was near. 5 Jesus looked around and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, so he asked Philip, “Where can we buy enough food to feed all these people?” (6 He said this to test Philip; actually he already knew what he would do.)

7 Philip answered, “For everyone to have even a little, it would take more than two hundred silver coins to buy enough bread.”

8 Another one of his disciples, Andrew, who was Simon Peter's brother, said, 9 “There is a boy here who has five loaves of barley bread and two fish. But they will certainly not be enough for all these people.”

10 “Make the people sit down,” Jesus told them.

(There was a lot of grass there.) So all the people sat down; there were about five thousand men. 11 Jesus took the bread, gave thanks to God, and distributed it to the people who were sitting there. He did the same with the fish, and they all had as much as they wanted. 12 When they were all full, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces left over; let us not waste a bit." 13 So they gathered them all and filled twelve baskets with the pieces left over from the five barley loaves which the people had eaten.

14 Seeing this miracle that Jesus had performed, the people there said, “Surely this is the Prophet who was to come into the world!”

15 Jesus knew that they were about to come and seize him in order to make him king by force; so he went off again to the hills by himself.

John 6: 1-14

- John's Purpose
- Jesus' Purpose
- Our Purpose
- The Kingdom's Purpose

# Jesus - The WORD

- the VERB, the DOING WORD, the ACTION
- with God, IS God
- brought the world into being
- giving LIFE
- is LIGHT

# The WORD

Jesus is God made human

“The WORD became a human being and...  
lived among us.”

John 1: 14

Jesus performed many other miracles (signs) which are not written down in this book. But these have been written in order that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through your faith in him you may have life.

John 20: 30+31 GNB



“life will spring up inside of you, bubbling up and  
spilling over”

# Jesus' Purpose...

The Wedding – new wine, new relationship

Clearing the Temple – God is for everyone

Nicodemus – born again, new life

The Samaritan Woman at the Well – “I am He”

The Official with the sick child – Jesus is not influenced by human authority

The sick man by the Pool of Bethesda –

Sabbath is for man not man for the Sabbath

The witness of the Scriptures and of Moses

# The Feeding of the 5,000

John 6: 1-14

Mark 6: 32-44

Matthew 14: 13-21

Luke 9: 10-17



# The disciples are:

Tired

Spent

Hungry

Shocked

Scared

Grieving

How often do we let Jesus take us to a quiet place to recover, when we are tired, hungry, spent?

# Our Purpose

To join Jesus in His work:

How shall we feed them?

# Jesus works with it

The food is not enough

The circumstances are not ideal

The disciples are stumped

A child's offering



# Jesus – a prophet like Moses?

Hungry lost people needing a Shepherd

Bread and Fish – manna and quails

“I am the bread of life. Those who come to me will never be hungry; those who believe in me will never be thirsty.”

John 6:35

““Lord, to whom shall we go? You [alone] have the words of eternal life [you are our only hope]. We have believed and confidently trusted, and [even more] we have come to know [by personal observation and experience] that You are the Holy One of God [the Christ, the Son of the living God].””

John 6:68+69 AMP

John's Purpose – to show that Jesus is God made human

Jesus' Purpose – to show us God, to bring us new bubbling life

Our Purpose – to join Jesus in his work

The Kingdom's Purpose – that people should be changed

What does that mean for you?

How does Jesus' life-force in you every day (in the ordinary, in the mundane, in the boring, in the messy) change how you live? How you feel? How you think?

Do we ever think that what we have or who we have is not enough?

Do we ever discount people because they are not old enough? Not experienced enough? Not of the right background?

Do we remember to take those things - ordinary, simple, perhaps messy or inadequate as they are - to Jesus, expecting him to use them?

Are we misinterpreting God's signs in any area of our lives?

How do we make sure now that when we see the signs we understand them and respond to them following God's heart rather than our own?