

Miracles: Not An Optional Extra

Gospel of Mark

John 1:1

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:14

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

do we go for the deluxe model, or will we make do with the base model that has no frills?

miracles are not an optional extra!

A close-up photograph of a wicker basket filled with several round loaves of bread and two whole fish. The bread has a golden-brown crust, some with sesame seeds. The fish are silver and appear to be fresh. The basket is made of dark brown wicker and sits on a wooden surface. The background is dark and out of focus.

feeding 5000

as many as 10-20 thousand people were fed with 5 loaves of bread and 2 small fish

Mark 6:44

⁴⁴ The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

Matthew 14:21

²¹ The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Mark 6:30-44

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. ³¹ Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." ³² So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place.

Mark 6:30-44

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.

Mark 6:30-44

³⁵ By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late. ³⁶ Send the people away so they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." ³⁷ But he answered, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "That would take eight months of a man's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?"

Mark 6:30-44

³⁸ "How many loaves do you have?" he asked. "Go and see." When they found out, they said, "Five—and two fish." ³⁹ Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties.

Mark 6:30-44

⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² They all ate and were satisfied, ⁴³ and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. ⁴⁴ The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

A close-up photograph of a woven basket filled with several round, golden-brown loaves of bread. A person's hand is visible on the right side, reaching into the basket to take a piece of bread. The background is dark and out of focus, showing other people in traditional clothing. A small green horizontal bar is located in the top left corner of the image.

feeding 4000

Mark 8:1-10

¹ During those days another large crowd gathered. Since they had nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples to him and said, ² "I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. ³ If I send them home hungry, they will collapse on the way, because some of them have come a long distance."

Mark 8:1-10

⁴ His disciples answered, "But where in this remote place can anyone get enough bread to feed them?" ⁵ "How many loaves do you have?" Jesus asked. "Seven," they replied. ⁶ He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. When he had taken the seven loaves and given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and they did so.

Mark 8:1-10

⁷ They had a few small fish as well; he gave thanks for them also and told the disciples to distribute them. ⁸ The people ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ⁹ About four thousand men were present. And having sent them away, ¹⁰ he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the region of Dalmanutha.



do it again Lord!



Romans 1:16-17

¹⁶ I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. ¹⁷ For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

Romans 10:12-13

¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

*the World wants to sell us a Christmas that is
'magical', we celebrate a Christmas that is
'miraculous'*

