

Put Me In Coach

John 6: 1-14

Matthew 14:13–21; Mark 6:31–44; Luke 9:12–17

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A. The Problems

1. There were a multitude of people to feed (verse 5)
2. They had not enough money to purchase enough food for everyone (verse 7)
3. Even if they had the money, it would be impossible to purchase enough bread to feed them all.

Jesus said you feed them: Matt 14:16; Luke 9:13; Mark 6:37

B. The People

The multitude:

1. We know the number reached in the thousands according to Matthew 14:16.
2. The number grew as they followed Jesus probably on foot from city to city. They heard Jesus' teachings and many of them were healed from sickness and others saw the miracles Jesus was performing and decided to follow.
3. We know there were at least 5,000 men and many women and children according to Matthew 14:21.
4. We see in Mark 6 and 30 the crowd were needy and demanding in needs that even disciples encourage Jesus to get away and rest for a while. Mark 6:34 says that – *“And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So, he began to teach them many things.”* The original word is very expressive; his whole being was stirred to its lowest depth, and

therefore he proceeded at once to work miracles of mercy among them.”
(Spurgeon)

The little boy

1. The word boy has the literally means little boy
2. Probably came from a poor family. Five barley loaves were seen as simple food more for animals than people.
3. He was prepared with what's needed.
4. He was willing and ready to give what he had.
5. **This lad did not have very much, but he was willing to put it at the disposal of the Lord Jesus. As a result of his kindness, this story was recorded in each of the four Gospels. He did not do very much, but “little is much if God is in it,” and he has become famous throughout the world. - Believer's Bible Commentary.**

The Messiah

1. Jesus Knew all along what he was doing (John 6:6)
2. Jesus Prayed over the little and the father gave the increase and even had leftovers.
3. He knew what the father provided the little boy with (five loaves and two fish) and knew how it fit in the overall plan to the solution of the problem.

C. The Principle

1. There are problems in this world; people are sheep without a shepherd and need to be fed.
2. God has provided everything you need to bring them Jesus just give to him and watch him bless it.
3. Jesus is the bread of life; whoever believes in him has eternal life. He has the plan so give him everything so he gives the increase and therefore give life to the multitude and receive the glory.