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36 Send the crowds away so they can go to the nearby farms and villages and buy something to eat.”

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5 Jesus asked, “How much bread do you have?” “Seven loaves,” they replied.

6 So Jesus told all the people to sit down on the ground. Then he took the seven loaves, thanked God for them, and broke them into pieces. He gave them to his disciples, who distributed the bread to the crowd.

7 A few small fish were found, too, so Jesus also blessed these and told the disciples to distribute them.



If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, keep warm and eat well,” but you do not give them what the body needs, what good is it?

James 1:15-16

And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your coat also.
Matthew 5:40

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9 There were about 4,000 people in the crowd that day, and Jesus sent them home after they had eaten.

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41 Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them. Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, he kept giving the bread to the disciples so they could distribute it to the people. He also divided the fish for everyone to share.

42 They all ate as much as they wanted,

43 and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftover bread and fish.

44 A total of 5,000 men and their families were fed.



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Feeding 5,000

12 Baskets – Jewish territory.
Bread from heaven enough to sustain
God's people for eternity.

Feeding 4,000

7 Baskets – Gentile territory.
Jesus restores the expelled gentile
nations to fellowship.
After he had destroyed seven nations
in the land of Canaan, he gave his
people their land as an inheritance.
(Acts 13:19)



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Jesus is all you need

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