

John



John 6:1-15 **Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand**

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BACKGROUND

AUTHOR

John, son of Zebedee, the "disciple whom Jesus loved"

DATE WRITTEN

Not know, but sometime between 65-70 AD. The latest Gospel

AUDIENCE

Christians living in and around Ephesus

Introduction

- Context
- Historical interpretations

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- The condition of the crowd

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- The Lord's motive

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- The provision
- Read 2 Kings 4:38a, 42-44

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2 Kings 4: 38a, 42-44

38And Elisha came again to Gilgal when there was a famine in the land.

42A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing the man of God bread of the first-fruits, twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. And Elisha said, "Give to the men, that they may eat." 43But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred men?" So he repeated, "Give them to the men, that they may eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" 44So he set it before them. And they ate and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.