

"Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, 'This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.'" *John 6:14 KJV*

Read the verses that precede this verse of chapter 14, first. See the unbelief of even those closest to the Saviour when it comes to trusting Him. "Thus saith the LORD the maker thereof, the LORD that formed it, to establish it; the LORD is His name; 'Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.'" There are things in the universe and heaven we have yet to know and experience; things beyond the scope and reason of humanity! "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him." Jesus asked (to test them) His disciples how they would feed the great multitude. Instead of saying Christ would have to do it if it was to be done, their reasoning was confined to temporal provision. They said it couldn't be done. Jesus could have created, out of nothing, feast tables with enough to satisfy the most gluttonous, but instead took the insignificant, insufficient, common five loaves and two fishes, gave thanks, brake them, and distributed enough to feed over 5000 with twelve baskets of fragments left over! When a number is mentioned in Scripture it is significant, as is all Scripture. Five is the Biblical number of God's grace, two is the number of witness, and five plus two equals seven, the Biblical number of completion or finished work. Twelve is the number of heavenly perfection. We have grace (5) witnessed (+2) being a complete (7) work yielding heavenly perfection (12). It's a simple formula, but I'm sure you'll see much more if you meditate on it a bit. There were enough leftovers to feed well the twelve ministers of the bounty. What we perceive to be common, insufficient, and insignificant is, in the blessed hands of Omnipotence, a miracle waiting to happen! As with the bread and fishes, if we allow our meager supplies to be blessed, broken, and distributed by the hands of Eternity's Sovereign and His ministers, not only will multitudes receive His bounty, but we will have sufficient supply as well. Many say, 'I don't have enough to give a tithe to God.' God doesn't need your tithe, but He will multiply and give it back to you in such quantity that multitudes will benefit from your bounty as well! How do you suppose the young lad felt when twelve burly men demanded his food? "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith," saith the LORD of hosts, 'if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.'" Tithe requires obedience, simply because God commanded it. "Pray without ceasing - Meditate therein day and night." Need a miracle? Follow and obey! Can you imagine the lad's wonder as he watched and partook?



Insignificant, common men,
When brought to Christ and broken then;
Will bring the Bread of Life to all;
Eternal Life to all who call! ~CGP

Consider carefully the lessons of today's passage and the account of God's omnipotence in the face of unbelief and insufficiency and you will glean storehouses of strength, peace, and joy from its beautiful simplicity! God does all with plan and purpose and we would do well to trust and believe Him. Do you have to see a miracle to trust God? All saw, but only twelve followed Him, first.

"Jesus saith unto him, 'Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.'" *John 20:29 KJV*