

Jesus the Man of the impossible – pt 2

John 6:1-15 – The Feeding of the 5,000

The setting:

- i) Near lake Galilee (Bethsaida)
- ii) With a huge crowd (5,000 men plus women and children)
- iii) Passover

The problem: what will the crowd eat?

But, whilst the disciples see a **problem**, Jesus sees an **opportunity**.

Jesus: Where can we buy bread to feed all these people?

[Jesus] was testing Philip, for he already knew what he was going to do (v6)

Philip: Even if we worked for months, we wouldn't have enough money to feed them!

Andrew: There's a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?

Jesus used the little that was given to him (5 loaves and 2 fishes) to do something both unexpected and amazing.

The problem: the crowd want to make Jesus king by force.

So, Jesus leaves before they can.

So what?

- 1) Remember that where we see problems, Jesus sees opportunities.
- 2) Give what you have to Jesus.
- 3) Jesus will use that for his plans, not ours.