

SERMON NOTES

Reason To Believe: The Lord Provides
John 6:1-14

The earthly ministry of Jesus was marked by miracles, ministry, preaching, teaching, and the development of His disciples. In John 6, we find the only miracle recorded in all four Gospels. Matthew and Mark indicate that this miracle followed closely on the heels of the death of John the Baptist...(Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:20-28). Luke reveals that the miracle followed the return of the disciples from their missionary labors (Luke 9:10).

Jesus was moved by His compassion for the people to meet a real need. However, the need provided an opportunity for Jesus to test His disciples. Jesus provided them an opportunity to strengthen and grow their faith.

Key thought: When you are tested, God is providing you an opportunity to strengthen and deepen your faith.

Key verse: “This He was saying to test him, for He Himself knew what He was intending to do.”
John 6:6

GOD WILL TEST YOU!

Genesis 22:1; James 1:2, 13-15; 1 Peter 1:6-7

In both the Old and New Testaments, the words translated “test” mean “to prove by trial.” God’s purpose in testing is to prove that our faith is real. David sought God’s testing, asking Him to examine his heart and mind and see that they were true to Him. Psalm 26:2; 139:23

HOW SHOULD YOU RESPOND WHEN TESTED?

- Obedience

- Trust

WHAT CAN WE LEARN WHEN TESTED?

- Jesus is God

- Jesus is Sufficient

“For You have tried us, O God; You have refined us as silver is refined.” Psalm 66:10