

# Matthew 14:13-21

## “Unending Bounty”

*I am the bread of life.* \_\_ John 6:35

- I. Overview of the section 14:1 – 16:20
  - A Herod’s opinion of Jesus 14:1-2
    - B Herod rejects John’s leaven 14:3-12
      - C Feeding the 5,000 14:13-21
        - D Strengthening the faith of the disciples 14:22-33
          - E Healing the people of Gennesaret 14:34-36
            - F Two distinct visions of man 15:1-20
              - E<sup>1</sup> Healing the woman of Canaan 15:21-28
                - D<sup>1</sup> Strengthening the faith of the crowds 15:29-31
                  - C<sup>1</sup> Feeding the 4,000 15:29-39
                    - B<sup>1</sup> Disciples warned of Pharisees’ & Sadducees’ leaven 16:1-12
  - A<sup>1</sup> Peter’s opinion of Jesus 16:13-20

### II. The miraculous multiplying of food (the C elements in the Chiasm)

Jesus is the true bread – he supplies sustenance forever John 6:35-37.

Connection with Moses – Ex 16:4-12 (*See* Jn 6:32-33; Mt 17:3).

Connection with Elijah/Elisha – I Kg 17:8ff; II Kg 4:42ff. (*See* Mt 17:3)

Twelve baskets (14:20) and seven baskets (15:37): significance of the numbers.

### III. The Eucharistic connection (*compare* Mt 26:26)

The same actions, in the same order:

He *takes* the bread.

He *blesses* the bread.

He *breaks* the bread.

He *gives* the bread *to the disciples*.

Jesus, the true Eucharistic Bread, is our life! John 15:4; 17:2-3, 20-23.