

SESSION 4: A SECOND HELPING

FEEDING OF THE FIVE THOUSAND JOHN 6:5-13

READERS: NARRATOR, JESUS, PHILIP,
ANDREW, ELIJAH, ANGEL

NARRATOR: ⁵When [Jesus] looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip,

JESUS: Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?

NARRATOR: ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him,

PHILIP: Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.

NARRATOR: ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him,

ANDREW: ⁹There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?

JESUS: ¹⁰Make the people sit down.

NARRATOR: Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples,

JESUS: Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.

NARRATOR: ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.

ELIJAH AND THE ANGEL 1 KINGS 19:3-8

NARRATOR: ³Elijah was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. ⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die:

ELIJAH: It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.

NARRATOR: ⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep.

NARRATOR: Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him,

ANGEL: Get up and eat.

NARRATOR: ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said,

ANGEL: Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.

NARRATOR: ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.