

The New Testament

Matthew I & II Thessalonians

Mark I & II Timothy

Luke Titus

JOHN Philemon

Acts Hebrews

Romans James

1 & II Corinthians 1 & II Peter

Galatians I, II, & III John

Ephesians Jude

Philippians Revelation

Colossians

I. Before the feedingA. Jesus' <u>popularity</u> is in a huge crescendo.

- I. Before the feeding
 - B. Crowds were following because of Jesus' signs.
 - 1. Miracles with a spiritual <u>purpose</u>
 - 2. Miracles that point to something beyond <u>themselves</u>
 - 3. Valuable less for what they are than what they <u>indicate</u>: the grace and power of the Doer

- I. Before the feeding
 - C. We love the miracles more than the miracle <u>doer</u>.
 - D. Trying to commemorate Passover on a <u>quiet</u> hill

- II. The Feeding
 - A. A <u>teaching</u> moment for his disciples
 - B. A stressed out
 - C. Everybody's watching and there are no <u>answers</u>.
 - D. Miracle wouldn't turn a hard day into a <u>fun</u> day
 - E. The crowd is about to take Jesus by force.

- III. After the feeding
 - A. Of course, a storm kicks up
 - B. Jesus comes walking on the whitecaps
 - C. <u>Immediately</u>, the boat was at the land

Lessons about life among the miracles:

- 1. God does <u>miracles</u>
- 2. Miracles are <u>signs</u>: means to an end, not the end itself
- 3. Miracles primarily turn our <u>eyes</u> to the Miracle Doer
- 4. Miracles and troubles <u>coexist!</u>

