



**WHO FED  
THE 5,000?**

## Matthew 4:18–20

And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, **“Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”** They immediately left their nets and followed Him.



## Matthew 3:22, 23

After these things Jesus and His disciples came into the land of Judea, and there **He remained with them and baptized**. Now John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there. And they came and were baptized.



## Matthew 4:1–3

Therefore, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John (**though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples**), He left Judea and departed again to Galilee.



## Luke 9:1, 2

Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. **He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.**



## Luke 10:1–3

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When He sent forth the twelve and afterward the seventy, to proclaim the kingdom of God, He was teaching them their duty to impart to others what He had made known to them. **In all His work, He was training them for individual labor, to be extended as their numbers increased, and eventually to reach to the uttermost parts of the earth.**





Everywhere there is a tendency to substitute the work of organizations for individual effort. Human wisdom tends to consolidation, to centralization, to the building up of great churches and institutions. Multitudes leave to institutions and organizations the work of benevolence; they excuse themselves from contact with the world, and their hearts grow cold Love for God and man dies out of the soul.



Christ commits to His followers an individual work,—a work that cannot be done by proxy. Ministry to the sick and the poor, the giving of the gospel to the lost, is not to be left to committees or organized charities. **Individual responsibility, individual effort, personal sacrifice, is the requirement of the gospel.**



Christ did not intend individual work to be merely a temporary necessity until the church grew large enough to establish mammoth institutions.



# John 11:1–3

Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha... Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying, “Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick.”



## John 11:1–3

Now **Jesus loved** Martha and her sister and Lazarus. **So, when He heard that he was sick, He stayed two more days in the place where He was.** Then after this He said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.”



# John 11:14, 15

Then Jesus said to them plainly, “**Lazarus is dead. And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, that you may believe.** Nevertheless let us go to him.”



## John 11:21, 22

Now Martha said to Jesus, “**Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.** But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You.”



## John 11:23–25

Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to Him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.” Jesus said to her, “**I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.**”





# John 11:32

Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.”



# John 11:37

And some of them said, “**Could not this Man, who opened the eyes of the blind, also have kept this man from dying?**”

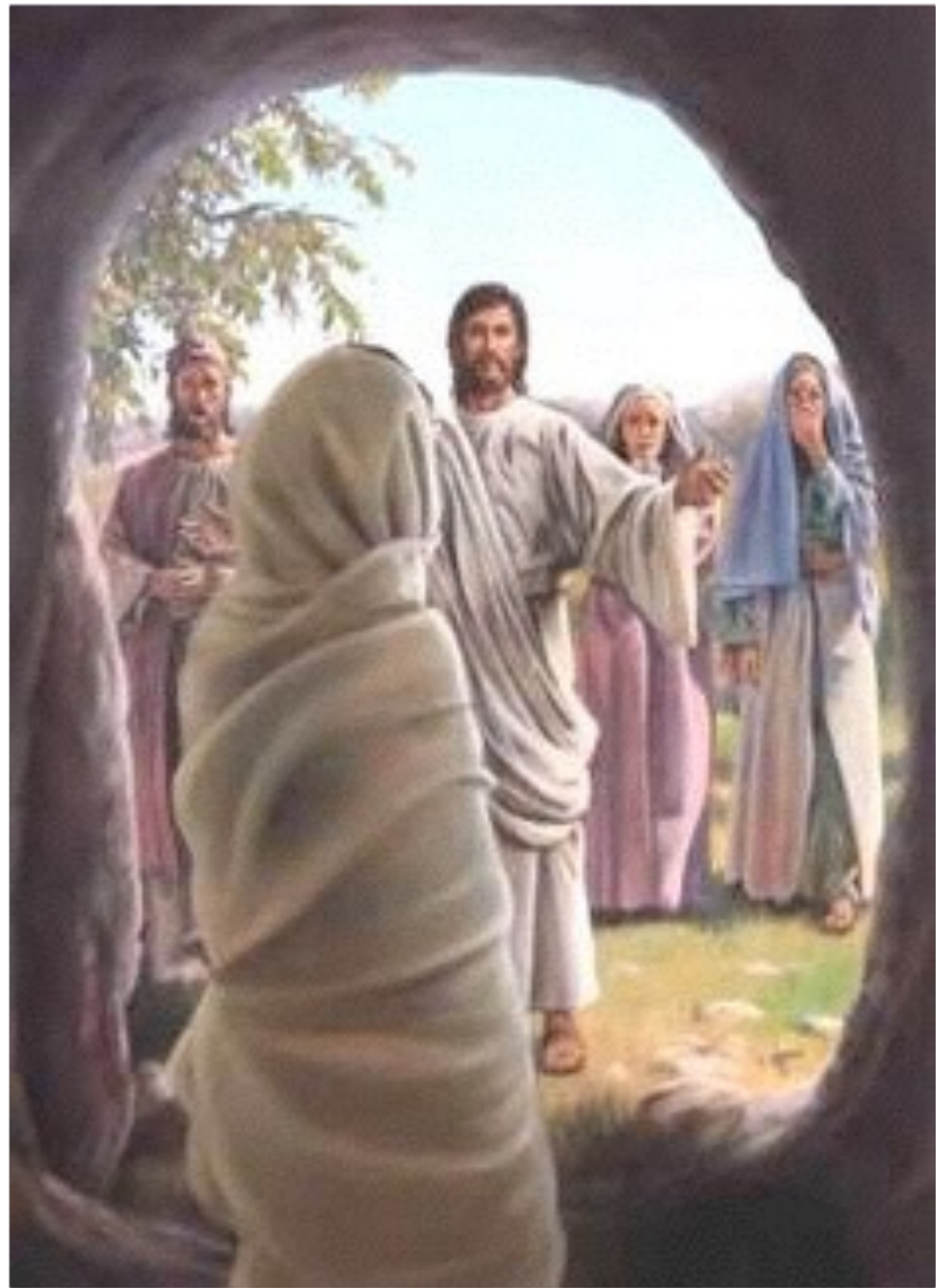


## John 11:37, 38

Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. **Jesus said, “Take away the stone.”** Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, “Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?”



# John 11:43, 44



Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth!” And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. **Jesus said to them, “Loose him, and let him go.”**



Christ could have commanded the stone to remove, and it would have obeyed His voice. He could have bidden the angels who were close by His side to do this. At His bidding, invisible hands would have removed the stone. But it was to be taken away by human hands. Thus Christ would show that humanity is to co-operate with divinity.



**What human power can do divine power is not summoned to do. God does not dispense with man's aid. He strengthens him, co-operating with him as he uses the powers and capabilities given him.**



## Mark 6:35–38

When the day was now far spent, His disciples came to Him and said, “This is a deserted place, and already the hour is late. Send them away, that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy themselves bread; for they have nothing to eat.” **But He answered and said to them, “You give them something to eat.”**



## Mark 6:35–38

And they said to Him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give them something to eat?” But He said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they found out they said, “Five, and two fish.”





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In Christ's act of supplying the temporal necessities of a hungry multitude is wrapped up a deep spiritual lesson for all His workers. Christ received from the Father; He imparted to the disciples; they imparted to the multitude; **and the people to one another. So all who are united to Christ will receive from Him the bread of life, the heavenly food, and impart it to others.**



# Revelation 22:17

And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” **And let him who hears say, “Come!”** And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.



Not upon the ordained minister only rests the responsibility of going forth to fulfill this commission. **Everyone who has received Christ is called to work for the salvation of his fellow men.** "The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come." Revelation 22:17. **The charge to give this invitation includes the entire church.** Everyone who has heard the invitation is to echo the message from hill and valley, saying, "Come."



**TOMORROW**



**MAKING MEMBERS  
MISSIONARIES**