

Disciple Stories Skits #3

Five loaves and twelve baskets

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Performers x 8

John, as an old man

Joshua, his friend

Jesus

Lad

Peter

Andrew

Phillip

John, as a young man

Props

5 x Bread rolls

2 or 3 Baskets

(John and Joshua are seated, talking together. Jesus and the Disciples are seated on the floor nearby).

John "...And I saw many things happen, right before my eyes...which I could never explain."

Josh "Such as?"

John "Such as?...Every day was a 'such as' day...They weren't just amazing events that happened at times...That was every day life when we walked with the Master...I remember, when we were out in the wilderness...We had been told of the death of John the Baptist...And it moved the Master...They were cousins, as you know.."

Josh "Yes."

John "And their Ministries intertwined....Jesus said we should go to a desert place apart and rest...So we took ship across the lake, to a secluded place, as we thought...But the people followed us...They came from every direction...They were so hungry for the Word of God...Thousands came....There was no such thing as a secluded place...Or rest...Ever.." (John looks into the distance, remembering).

Josh "And...?"

John "And the Master Spoke the Word to them...And healed their sick...But, when it was late in the day, we told Him to send the people away...Because it was a desert place

where we were...And there was nothing there for them..."

Phil "Master, this is a desert place...And the day is far spent...Send the people away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread...For they have nothing to eat..."

Jesu "You give them to eat."

John "We had nothing ourselves...So how could we feed that many people?"

Phil "Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them...That every one of them may take a little."

Andr (Brings Lad to Jesus). "There is a lad here, who has five barley loaves, and two small fishes...But what are they among so many?"

Josh "A boy's lunch?"

John "Yes."

Josh "And...?"

Jesu "Bring them here to me."

John "Jesus blessed them, and broke them, then He handed them to us....He broke a loaf in half...And it was still a whole loaf...And He broke it again...And again...And again...And again...And those five loaves and two fishes fed many thousands of people."

(Jesus breaks the loaves, and hands them to the Disciples, who walk around, pretending to hand them out).

Josh "But how?"

John "I'm not God, so I can't explain it...I saw it happen before my own eyes...But how did it happen?...You're asking the wrong person here..."

Josh "That must have been amazing to see..."

John "Yes, it was...But, the most amazing thing was...(Cups his hands)...I could hold those five loaves inside my two hands...Yet, after we fed everyone to the full...We gathered up twelve baskets full of leftovers..."

Josh "Twelve baskets?"

John "Yes...We had fifty times as much left over after we had fed thousands of people...Now, you explain that to me...?"

Josh "I never saw it."

John "No, you didn't...But if you did, you still wouldn't be able to explain it...The ways of God are past finding out."

Josh "Yes, they are...And then what happened?"

John "The people were full of the loaves and fishes...And full of the Word of God...So, they left and went home."

Josh "So, how big were the loaves and fish?"

John "Really?"

Josh "What?"

John "How much bread would it take to feed thousands of people?"

Josh "How hungry were they?"

John (Shakes his head).

Josh "I'm only joking."

John "I hope so."

Josh "And what about the fish?"

John "What about them?"

Josh "What happened when He broke them?"

John "I've told you that...They were broken, yet they were still whole."

Josh "That's intriguing...Hmmm...So, how were they still there?"

John "We can talk around in circles until the sun goes down...And you will still not

understand it.”

Josh “I'm getting a glimpse of it...So, when He broke the loaves..?”

John “I've already explained that to you.”

Josh “The fish then...?”

John “I've explained that too.”

Josh “But, how did you end up with more than you started with...After everyone had eaten?”

John “I've told you as much as I know...That's all I know...I saw it...But, I can't explain what I saw.”

Josh “One more question then...?”

John “Tomorrow....Come on...Let's go.”

(All rise and walk off).

Josh “Just one?”

John “Tomorrow, my friend.”

End.

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