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Feeding of the 5,000

1. (v. 6:1) Compare with John 5:1. Obviously John selects the events and conversations he will include in this Gospel.
2. (v. 6:2) Compare Matthew 14:13-14 and John 2:23 with this verse. Imagine what the word about Jesus was that was spreading throughout the region.
3. (v. 6:3-4) Is this setting the same as in Matthew 5? Why or why not?
4. (v. 6:5-7) What might be the point of mentioning the size of the crowd?

How would Jesus' words "test" Philip?

Does Philip propose a solution to feeding so many people?

5. (v. 6:8-9) Contrast Andrew's proposed solution with Philip's; even though it is better than Philip's, how does Andrew's solution fall short?
6. (v. 6:10) If there were 5,000 men (Cf. Matthew 14:21), how large might the whole audience have been? Why might Jesus have asked them sit down (Cf. Luke 9:14)?
7. (v. 6:11) Imagine the miracle as it unfolds. How are the people served; do the bread and fish multiply in great quantity immediately or just enough to feed the next group seated on the ground?
8. (v. 6:12-13) Why might there have been leftovers? Why twelve basketsful?
9. (v. 6:14) What convinced the people of Jesus' uniqueness?

Compare with Deuteronomy 18:15. What might the people have meant by "this is the Prophet"?

