

# Jesus "Stretches" His Disciples

John 6:1-21

**Introduction:** John's Purpose 20:30-31

## **I. The Feeding of the Five Thousand vv. 1-13**

A. "After These Things" v. 1a

1. Matthew 5-7, 13
2. Mark 3:1-6:30
3. Luke 6:1 - 9:10
4. The Death of John the Baptizer

B. "...this He said to test him..." v. 6

1. Jesus' commitment to discipling His men
2. The heartbeat of a genuine discipler

C. "Make the people sit down" v. 10

1. Jesus involves His disciples
2. Jesus purposes to strengthen them

D. "Gather up the fragments..." vv. 12-13

1. The number of baskets - 12
2. The number of disciples - 12

## **II. The Plan to Make Jesus King vv. 14-15**

A. The self-centered Jews of that day vv. 26-27

B. The self-centered Christian of today

## **III. The Walking on the Sea vv. 16-21**

A. The purpose: to strengthen the faith of the disciples

B. The circumstances: a severe storm

C. The time: 3-4 a.m.

D. The emotion: great fear

E. The solution: "I AM"

F. The result: worship - Matthew 14:33