



“THE GREATEST THING IS CHRIST’S BREAD”

MATTHEW 14:13-21 BIBLE STUDY

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MATTHEW 14:13 CONTEXT



Then, when Jesus heard [this], He withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by Himself. And when the crowds heard [of this], they followed Him on foot from the towns.
(Mt 14:13, AT)





MATTHEW 14:13
CONTEXT: KILLING KING



11 His head was brought in on a platter and given to the girl, who carried it to her mother.
12 John's disciples came and took his body and buried it. Then they went and told Jesus.
(Mt 14:11-12, NIV)





MATTHEW 14:13
CONTEXT:
WILL CHRIST KILL THE KING?



14 After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, “Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.” 15 Jesus, knowing that they **intended to come and make him king by force**, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.
(Jn 6:14-15, NIV)





MATTHEW 14:14
COMPASSIONATE
CHRIST



Then, when He got out, He saw a large crowd, felt compassion for them, and healed their ill. (Mt 14:14, AT)





MATTHEW 14:14
COMPASSIONATE
CHRIST



but the crowds learned about it and followed him. He welcomed them and **spoke to them about the kingdom of God**, and healed those who needed healing. (Lk 9:11, NIV)





MATTHEW 14:15
DINNER
DISMISSAL?



Then, as it became evening, the disciples approached Him saying, "This place is deserted and the hour is already late [lit. passed]. Dismiss the crowds so that they can go into the villages and buy themselves some food." (Mt 14:15, AT)





MATTHEW 14:16
DINNER
DEMAND



But Jesus said to them, "They don't need to go away; *you* give them [something] to eat." (Mt 14:16, AT)





MATTHEW 14:16
DINNER
DEMAND



When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had **compassion** on them, because they were like **sheep without a shepherd**. So he began teaching them many things. (Mk 6:34, NIV)





MATTHEW 14:17
LITTLE FOOD,
BIG CROWD



But they say to Him, "We have nothing here except five small loaves of bread and two fish." (Mt 14:17, AT)





MATTHEW 14:18-19
BLESSED
BREAD-BREAKING



18 Then He said, "Bring them here to Me." 19 Then He directed the crowds to be seated [for a meal] [ἀνακλίνω | *anaklinō*] on the grass, took the five loaves of bread and the two fish, looked up to heaven, and pronounced a blessing. Then He broke the loaves of bread and gave them to the disciples. And the disciples [gave them] to the crowds. (Mt 14:18-19, AT)





MATTHEW 14:20
FOLLOWERS
FILLED



And they all ate and were **filled**
[χορτάζω | *chortazō*]. And they picked
up the leftover pieces – twelve baskets
full. (Mt 14:20, AT)



MATTHEW 14:20
FOLLOWERS
FILLED



Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
because they will be **filled** [χορτάζω | *chortazō*].

(Mt 5:6, AT)





MATTHEW 14:21
GREAT MULTITUDE,
GREAT MIRACLE



And those who ate were about
5,000 men – besides women and
children. (Mt 14:21, AT)





MATTHEW 14:21
GREAT MULTITUDE,
GREAT MIRACLE



The Israelites journeyed from Rameses to Sukkoth. There were about six hundred thousand men on foot, **besides women and children.** (Ex 12:37, NIV)



THE LORD'S SUPPER: OLD TESTAMENT



42 A man came from Baal Shalishah, bringing the man of God **twenty loaves of barley bread** baked from the first ripe grain, along with some heads of new grain. “Give it to the people to eat,” Elisha said.

43 “How can I set this before a **hundred** men?” his servant asked.

But Elisha answered, “Give it to the people to eat. For this is what the LORD [YHWH] says: ‘**They will eat and have some left over.**’ ” 44 Then he set it before them, and **they ate and had some left over**, according to the word of the LORD [YHWH]. (2 Ki 4:42-44, NIV)





THE SON OF GOD IS GREATER



40 For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. 41 The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and now **something greater than Jonah is here.** (Mt 12:40-41, NIV)





THE SON OF GOD
IS GREATER



The Queen of the South will rise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for she came from the ends of the earth to listen to Solomon's wisdom, and now something **greater** than Solomon is here. (Mt 12:42, NIV)





THE LORD'S SUPPER: OLD TESTAMENT



2 In the **desert** the whole community **grumbled** against Moses and Aaron. 3 The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the LORD’s [YHWH] hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and **ate all the food we wanted**, but you have brought us out into this desert to **starve** this entire assembly **to death**.” (Ex 16:2-3, NIV)



THE LORD'S SUPPER: OLD TESTAMENT



11 The LORD [YHWH] said to Moses, 12 “I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning **you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD [YHWH] your God.**’ ” (Ex 16:11-12, NIV)





THE LORD'S SUPPER: THE MESSIANIC BANQUET



On this mountain the LORD [YHWH] Almighty will prepare
a **feast of rich food** for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.

(Is 25:6, NIV)





THE LORD'S SUPPER:
THE MESSIANIC BANQUET



I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will **take their places at the feast** [ἀνακλίνω | *anaklinō*] with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the **kingdom of heaven**.

(Mt 8:11, NIV)



THE LORD'S SUPPER:
THE MESSIANIC BANQUET



I tell you, many will come from east and west and **recline at table** [ἀνακλίνω | *anaklinō*] with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, (Mt 8:11, ESV)





THE LORD'S SUPPER: THE MESSIANIC BANQUET



1 Jesus spoke to them again in parables,
saying: 2 “The **kingdom of heaven** is like
a king who prepared a **wedding banquet**
for his son. (Mt 22:1-2, NIV)





THE LORD'S SUPPER: COMMUNION



27 Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. 28 This is **my blood of the covenant**, which is **poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins**. 29 I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on **until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.**” (Mt 26:27-29, NIV)



THE LORD'S SUPPER: COMMUNION



Then He directed the crowds to be seated [for a meal] [ἀνακλίνω | *anaklinō*] on the grass, **took** the five loaves of bread and the two fish, looked up to heaven, and **pronounced a blessing** [εὐλογέω | *eulogeō*]. Then He **broke** the loaves of bread and **gave them to the disciples**. And the disciples [gave it] to the crowds. (Mt 14:19, AT)





THE LORD'S SUPPER: COMMUNION



While they were eating, **Jesus took a loaf of bread**, and after **blessing** [εὐλογέω | *eulogeō*] it he **broke it, gave it to the disciples**, and said, “**Take, eat; this is my body.**” (Mt 26:26, NRSV)





JESUS: THE BREAD OF LIFE



32 Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is **not Moses** who has given you the **bread from heaven**, but it is my Father who gives you the **true bread from heaven**. 33 For the **bread of God** is the **bread that comes down from heaven** and gives life to the world.”

34 “Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.” (Jn 6:32-34, NIV)





JESUS: THE BREAD OF LIFE



Then Jesus declared, **“I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. (Jn 6:35, NIV)**

