

## Understanding Jesus

*John 6:1-21*

In chapter 5 we saw that Jesus' critics did not receive Him because they did not understand who He was. They were not the only ones. The crowds that followed Jesus and even His own disciples did not yet understand Him.

### Compassion

Eyes to see the need

Heart to empathize

Will to act

### Ability

Orchestrate the situation

Utilize resources at hand

Do beyond what is physically possible

### Abundance

Eaten their fill – nothing may be lost

12 baskets – 12 disciples: each had tangible proof

12 disciples – 12 tribes of Israel: represent God's people

### Identity (Three anointed offices in Old Testament)

Prophet (*Deuteronomy 8:15, 18*)

King (*18:36 "My kingdom is not of this world."*)

Priest (*5:34 "I say these things so that you may be saved."*)

### Lordship

Command nature

Alleviate fear

Elicit joy