

**Matthew 15:32-37**

Jesus called his disciples to him and said, 'I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way.'

His disciples answered, 'Where could we get enough bread in this remote place to feed such a crowd?'

'How many loaves do you have?' Jesus asked.

'Seven,' they replied, 'and a few small fish.'

He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, and when he had given thanks, he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and they in turn to the people. They all ate and were satisfied.