GOSPEL	Matthew 14:12-24	Mark 6:30–46	Luke 9:10–17	John 6:1–14
THE SETTING TWO REPORTS	His disciples came and took away the body and buried it; and they went and reported to Jesus. - Mt 14:12	The apostles gathered together with Jesus; and they reported to Him all that they had done and taught.- Mk 6:30	When the apostles returned, they gave an account to Him of all that they had done. Lk 9:10a	After these things Jn 6:1a
WITHDRAWAL TO REST	Now when Jesus heard about John, He withdrew from there in a boat to a secluded place by Himself - Mt 14:13a	He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while." (For there were many people coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat.They went away in the boat to a secluded place by themselves. - Mk 6:31,32	Taking them with Him, He withdrew by Himself to a city called Bethsaida Lk 9:10b	Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (or Tiberias). Jn 6:1b
REST "ARRESTED"	When the people heard of this, they followed Him on foot from the cities – Mt 14:13b	The people saw them going, and many recognized them and ran ther together on foot from all the cities, a got there ahead of them. Mk 6:33	But the crowds were aware of this and followed Him; Lk 9:11a	A large crowd followed Him, because they saw the signs which He was performing on those who were sick. . Jn 6:2a
LARGE CROWD	When He went ashore, He saw a large crowd- Mt 14:14a	When Jesus went ashore, He saw a large crowd Mk 6:34a		Then Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat down with His disciples. Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was near. Jesus, lifting up His eyes and seeing that a large crowd was coming to Him Jn 6:3-5
COMPASSION	He felt compassion for them and healed their sick Mt 14:14b	He felt compassion for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things. Mk 6:34b	Welcoming them, He began speaking to them about the kingdom of God and curing those who had need of healing. Lk 9:11b	

THE TIME WAS LATE	When it was evening...the hour is already late, Mt 14:15a	When it was already quite late...already quite late Mk 6:35a	Now the day was ending Lk 9:12a	
SEND THEM AWAY	The disciples came to Him and said, "This place is desolate...so send the crowds away, that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.".- Mt 14:15b	His disciples came to Him and said, "This place is desolate...send them away so that they may go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat."" Mk 6:35b-36	The twelve came and said to Him, "Send the crowd away, that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside and find lodging and get something to eat; for here we are in a desolate place." Lk 9:12b	
THE TEST (FAITH NOT SIGHT)	Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away; you give them something to eat!" Mt 14:16	He answered them, "You give them something to eat!" Mk 6:37	He said to them, "You give them something to eat!" – Lk 9:13a	Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these may eat? "This He was saying to test him, for He Himself knew what He was intending to do. Jn 6:5b-6
THEIR SOLUTION (SIGHT NOT FAITH)		They said to Him, "Shall we go and spend 200 denarii on bread and give them something to eat?" Mk 6:37b	Unless perhaps we go and buy food for all these people." Lk 9:13c	Philip answered Him, "200 denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, for every-one to receive a little." Jn 6:7
WHEN LITTLE IS ENOUGH	They said to Him, "We have here only 5 loaves and 2 fish." He said, "Bring them here to Me." Mt 14:17-18	He said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go look!" And when they found out, they said, "5 and 2 fish." Mk 6:38	They said, "We have no more than 5 loaves and 2 fish Lk 9:13b	One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, "There is a lad here who has 5 barley loaves and 2 fish, but what are these for so many people?" Jn 6:8-9
JESUS SEATS THE GUESTS	Ordering the people to sit down on the grass Mt 14:19a	He commanded them all to sit down by groups on the green grass. They sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Mk 6:39-40	He said to His disciples, "Have them sit down to eat in groups of about fifty each. They did so and had them sit down- Lk 9:14b	Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. Jn 6:10a

JESUS GIVES THANKS	He took the 5 loaves and the 2 fish, and looking up toward heaven, He blessed the food Mt 14:19b	He took the 5 loaves and the 2 fish, and looking up toward heaven, He blessed the food Mk 6:41a	He took the 5 loaves and the 2 fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed them Lk 9:16a	Jesus then took the loaves, and having given thanks, Jn 6:11a
NOURISHMENT	Breaking the loaves He gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds, - Mt 14:19c	He broke the loaves and He kept giving them to the disciples to set before them; and He divided up the two fish among them all. Mk 6:41b	He broke them, and kept giving them to the disciples to set before the people. Lk 9:16b	He distributed to those who were seated; likewise also of the fish as much as they wanted. Jn 6:11b
SATISFACTION	They all ate and were satisfied - Mt 14:20a	They all ate and were satisfied, Mk 6:42	And they all ate and were satisfied; Lk 9:17a	When they were filled Jn 6:12
FAR MORE ABUNDANT	They picked up what was left over of the broken pieces, 12 full baskets. - Mt 14:20	They picked up 12 full baskets of the broken pieces, and also of the fish. Mk 6:43	The broken pieces which they had left over were picked up, 12 baskets full. Lk 9:17b	He said to His disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments so that nothing will be lost." So they gathered them up, and filled 12 baskets with fragments from the 5 barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten. Jn 6:12-13
MIRACULOUS NUMBERS FED	There were about 5000 men who ate, besides women and children. Mt 14:21	There were 5000 men who ate the loaves. Mk 6:44	There were about 5000 men – Lk 9:14a	So the men sat down, in number about 5000. Jn 6:10b
PROPHET BUT NOT MESSIAH				When the people saw the sign which He had performed, they said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world." Jn 6:14

JESUS SENDS DISCIPLES AWAY	Immediately He made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of Him to the other side, while He sent the crowds away. Mt 14:22	Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go ahead of Him to the other side to Bethsaida, while He Himself was sending the crowd away. Mk 6:45		
JESUS PRAYS	After He had sent the crowds away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray; and when it was evening, He was there alone. Mt 14:23	After bidding them farewell, He left for the mountain to pray. Mk 6:46		So Jesus, perceiving that they were intending to come and take Him by force to make Him king, withdrew again to the mountain by Himself alone. Jn 6:15