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Welcome to Jesus Time where we spend time with Jesus in His time and culture.

✝ In those days, when again a great crowd had gathered, and they had nothing to eat, he called his disciples to him and said to them, <sup>2</sup>“I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat.

Mark 8:1-2 ESV

When something happens for a second time it can often be overlooked and under appreciated. As such was this event of Jesus feeding the second crowd of 4000. (10K estimated with women and children) Meaning the importance of this separate event with a very specific distinction is not always recognized. But first things first How? Do we know that there are 2 separate & distinct miracle feeding events. Because the first supernatural feeding by Jesus is covered within all 4 Gospels. (Matthew 14, Mark 6, Luke 9, John 6) While this second feeding is only covered in 2 Books at a later time. (Matthew 15 & Mark 8) Also, John Mark by using Peter's recollection clearly states When? This second large crowd had gathered. However more & most importantly it is not When? This second mass feeding occurred but Where? In Gentile territory to Gentile peoples. Yes, as in THE Messiah Christ being offered unto heathen. To us.

Ok, What? Do we know. After Jesus had sent out His Apostles 2x2 unto the outer Galilean areas- Jesus then recalled His Apostles from prepping His spring Galilean Ministry of teaching, healing, & preaching throughout rural Galilee. Our Lord next concluded this time with one big massive event. Likewise, Jesus does the very same thing with His early summer tour of the Pagan Decapolis region. So, after learning that Jesus was nearby this Gentile crowd also flocked to Him the Good Shepherd. They then presented all of their needs for physical healing while Christ our Lord also informed these Pagan peoples of His Spiritual Blessings. Again, with His supernatural healings as proof of His Deity. Also, unlike our Lord's previous encounter with the large Jewish crowd destined for Passover meaning the traveling Jews at that time and place had money but no provision nor anywhere to even acquire sustenance at the end of that long single day so Jesus then fed them supernaturally. However, on this second occasion notice this crowd had sought Jesus out being well prepared basically for a camping journey in which Jesus had been healing and teaching for 3 days straight and everything was going well until the crowd's supply began to run out.

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✝ Great crowds came to him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many others, and laid them at his feet; and he healed them. <sup>31</sup> The people were amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled made well, the lame walking and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel.

Matthew 15:30-31 NIV

Like the previous crowd these Pagan peoples witnessed & had recognized for themselves the authority, mercy, & power embodied by The Divine Jesus giving Praise unto Jehovah GOD of Israel! Also, What? We miss here is that our Lord apparently waited until the people had exhausted all of their own resources and had begun to be in need for His feed so to say.

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✝ Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way. Matthew 15:32KJV

✝ And His disciples replied to Him, “Where will anyone be able to find enough bread here in this desolate place to satisfy these people?” <sup>5</sup> And He was asking them, “How many loaves do you have?” And they said, “Seven.” <sup>6</sup> And He directed the people to recline on the ground; and taking the seven loaves, He gave thanks and broke them, and started giving them to His disciples to serve, and they served them to the people. <sup>7</sup> They also had a few small fish; and after He had blessed them, He told the disciples to serve these as well. <sup>8</sup> And they ate and were satisfied; and they picked up seven large baskets full of what was left over of the broken pieces. <sup>9</sup> About four thousand men were there; and He dismissed them. <sup>10</sup> And immediately He got into the boat with His disciples and came to the region of Dalmanutha

Mark 8:4-10 NASB

As always Jesus first gave thanksgiving to His Heavenly Father GOD Almighty prior to His replication of the food just as He had previously done the first time for rural Jews in Northern Galilee.

One can not help but to wonder? If the Apostles at this point were hoping for a repeat of our Lord's previous miracle in Jewish territory now at this place of the Pagan Gentiles.

As for the symbolism of the 7 baskets remaining of the food stuffs collected on this occasion as compared to Christ our Lord's previous miracle of having 12 baskets left over in Galilee-

Obviously 12 in Israel compares to the 12 Tribes including & concluding with the 12 Apostles.

While the number 12 in Holy Writ is always representative of GOD'S Divine authority/governance.

Whereas 7 unto us Gentiles is completed in Revelation as the 7 distinct Gentile Church Ages with 7 types of Christians & the number of 7 in scripture represents perfection & Spiritual completeness.

As for the baskets themselves in Greek the words used on each separate occasion do differ.

The word used for the baskets in Israel were “small” and the Gentile baskets are described as “large.” So big in fact that the word “hamper” would be very precise.

Of course, Jesus's Faithful are primarily Gentile as in far greater numbers than the Messianic Jews.

Biblical scholars do maintain there is a pattern in Jesus's two separate feedings of the 2 distinct crowds.

The first of course closed His spring Jewish ministry in rural Galilee as that crowd were supposed to be in transit to Jerusalem for Passover.

With this second feeding concluded Christ's early summer presentation of Jesus as Lord unto the Pagan Gentiles in the Decapolis region.

This meaning that Jesus as Messiah WAS presented unto all peoples first unto the Jews then to the Gentiles. (Proper Prophetic order of presentation) There is also another detail here that is easy to miss:

Remember during the first feeding scripture very specifically states that Jesus had the Jewish crowds sit down in numbered groups upon the spring grass.

Whereas by now it is early summertime & Christ is recorded as having this Gentile group sit down upon the dry ground.

Get that?

As in the grass is now burnt & sun withered by the hot Middle Eastern sun.

Remember even these subtle details as recorded do serve as witness unto the accuracy of GOD'S truth.

This meaning these type of details could only have been recorded by those who were there.

Again, this bold claim of Jesus feeding a second crowd again by replicating food stuffs out of thin air remains to this day uncontested nor was it ever denied by any of Jesus's powerful enemies.

Finally, we can surmise that after this event Jesus then had a specific reason at this time to travel directly to Dalmanutha.

Dalmanutha was each a town and a region on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee near to what was called Magdala which of course was the hometown of Mary Magdalene the leader of Christ our Lord's female Disciples.

We can say this because Holy Writ will show that the Pharisee's & Sadducees were already waiting on Jesus to return into Israel proper at this location.

Can we dare speculate that after Passover & with His spring/early summer Ministries now complete, that our Lord now travels to gather the rest of His Disciples (All apart from the 12 Apostles) under the "watchtower" aka Mary Magdalene's care including our Christ's very own human mother Mary.

Point being they would have surely by now have had plenty of time to return from Jerusalem Passover to Magdalene's hometown.

Question? was this a prearrangement by Jesus with His Faithful.

To reassemble in Dalmanutha after Passover? It is plausible perhaps even probable.

Remember records do indicate that Mary Magdalene privately had each the means and our Christ's authority to serve in this manor.