

"MONEY MATHEMATICS IN THE BIBLE"

Feeding the 5,000 ... How much would that cost?

*"... a great multitude followed him ... saw a great company come unto him ... **Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient ... five barley loaves, and two small fishes ... So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.**"*
([John 6:2-5,6-9,10](#))

Let's suppose that **one third** of the men brought their wives ... and let's suppose half of these couples had **two children** ... or more.

We then have 5,000 men + 1660 wives + 3320 children = 9980 = approx. **10,000 people**.

Now a **basic day's wage** in Christ time was **one penny per day** ([Matthew 20:2](#)).

Today in Australia, as of February 2024, **the basic wage is \$883** per week.

This means for a **35 hour week**, the hourly rate = **\$25.22**

Therefore for an **seven hour day**, the wage = **\$177**

Therefore **200 pennyworth** = $\$177 \times 200 =$ **\$35,319**

But Philip says to Christ "Jesus, even \$35,319 won't be sufficient to feed all these people."
([John 6:7](#))

Let's round this up to \$38,000 to feed 10,000 people ... that is ... **\$3.80 was needed to feed each person ... one sausage roll!**

So even **\$40,000** was **not** going to be sufficient **to feed the 5,000!**

But as the scripture says Christ "*himself knew what he would do*" ([John 6:6](#)).

I mean, the disciples did not have \$40,000 in the bag to feed the 5,000!

I mean instead of this miracle ... let's suppose the crowd could rustle up some of their lunches to share with each other ... seeing a young boy was willing to share his lunch.

And this is how the **De-Mythologizing** of the Bible began in the 1960's in the USA ... to **explain away** Christ's miracles with human reasoning ... you know ... Christ was not the Son of God or the Son of man, but **simply a good bloke** urging the crowd to do the right thing.

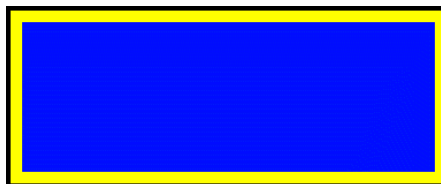
No Dear Reader ... **huge** crowd, **impossible** food bill ... **unbelievable** miracle ... something out of **nothings!**

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