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Today's Word: resurrection

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Are You:

- Searching Your Scriptures for Guidance?
- Offering Your Gifts and Talents to Serve the Lord?

Today's Scriptures

John 5-6

Mark 6: 30-44

Matthew 14: 22-23

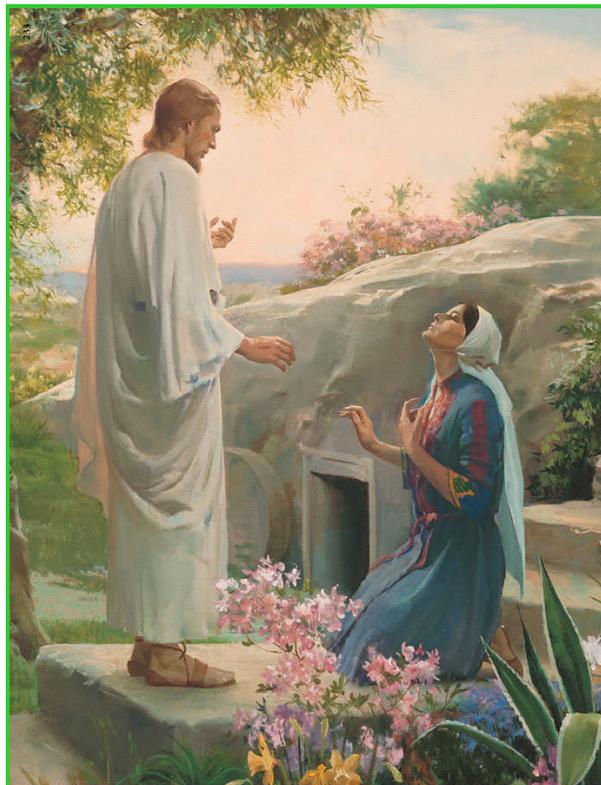
Next Week:

Lesson 13:

"I Will Give unto Thee
the Keys of the
Kingdom"

Matthew 15: 21-17:9

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Lesson 12:

"I am the Bread of Life"

Elder James E. Faust:

"Many nameless people with gifts equal only to five loaves and two small fishes magnify their callings and serve without attention or recognition, feeding literally thousands. . . . A major reason this church has grown from its humble beginnings to its current strength is the faithfulness and devotion of millions of humble and devoted people who have only five loaves and two small fishes to offer in the service of the Master"(Ensign, May 1994, 5-6).

Questions to Ponder

- How can we follow the example of the boy who gave his loaves and fishes to Jesus?
- How is the miraculous feast from five loaves and two fishes symbolic of the spiritual feast the Savior offers us?
- How can we partake of the "bread of life"?

He is Risen!

"Born in a stable, cradled in a manger, His birth fulfilled the inspired pronouncements of many prophets. He was taught from on high. He provided the life, the light, and the way. Multitudes followed Him. Children adored Him. The haughty rejected Him. He spoke in parables. He taught by example. He lived a perfect life.

"He was ridiculed, reviled, mocked, jeered, and nailed to a cross amidst shouts of 'Let Christ the King of Israel descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe.' 'He saved others; himself he cannot save.' His response: 'Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.' 'Into thy hands I commend my spirit; and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.' His body was placed by loving hands in a sepulchre hewn of stone. . . .

"On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James, along with others, came to the sepulchre. To their astonishment, the body of their Lord was gone. Luke records that two men in shining garments stood by them and said: 'Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen.' . . .

"The simple pronouncement, 'He is not here, but is risen,' was the first confirmation of the literal Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The empty tomb that first Easter morning brought comforting assurance, an affirmative answer to Job's question, 'If a man die, shall he live again?' (President Thomas S. Monson, "I Know that My Redeemer Lives," General Conference, April 1, 2007).



"Loaves and Fishes"

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