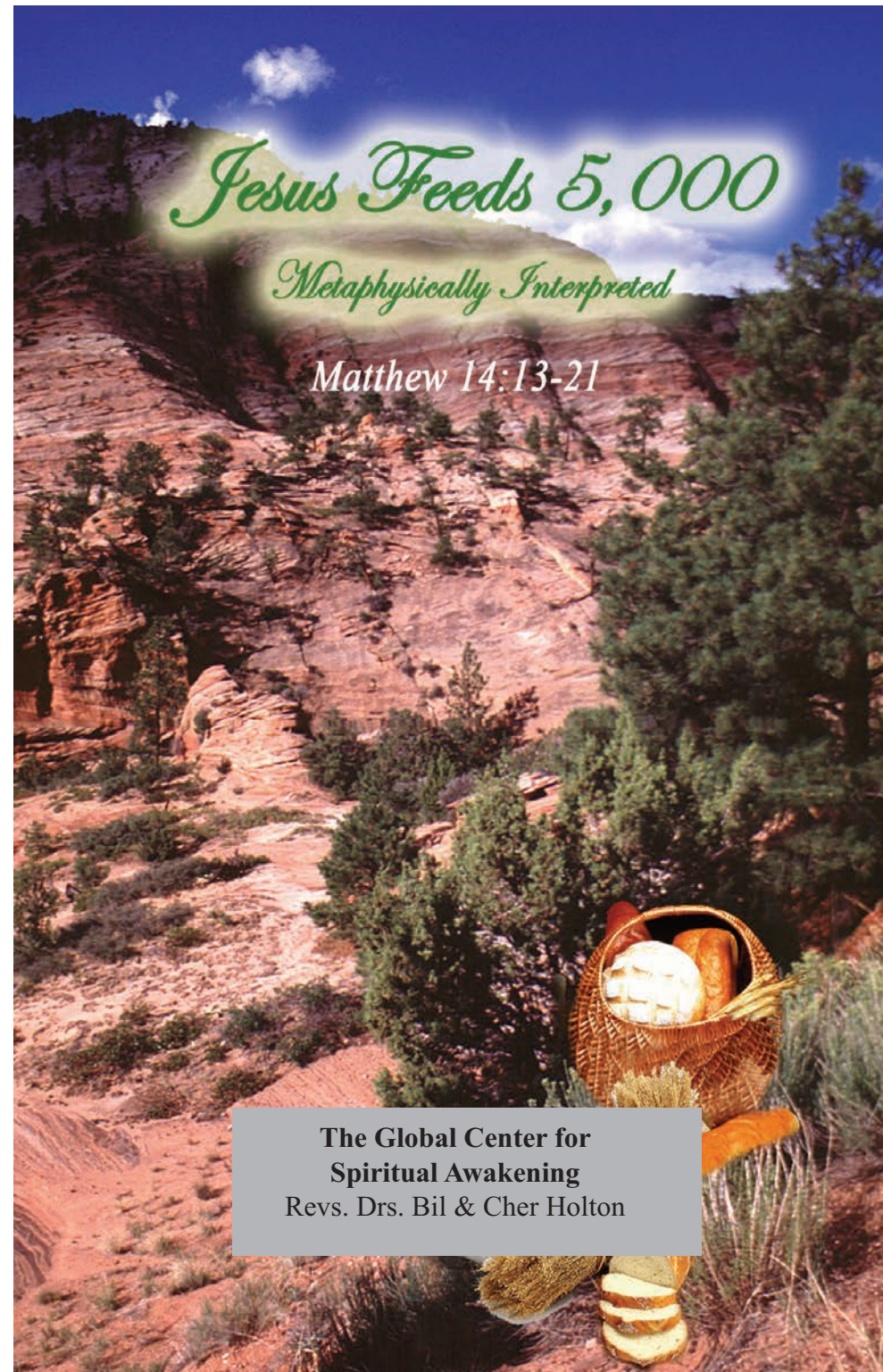


Study Questions:

1. As you read this Bible story in the literal format, what do you think the key take-aways are? (i.e., what can we learn from the behavior of the disciples? What does Jesus' reaction tell us about how we can handle the appearance of lack? What is the meaning of the left-overs?)
2. As we move to a metaphysical interpretation, how does the appearance of lack show up in your life?
3. In what ways can you take action to move beyond the appearance of lack and connect with your Domain of the Divine?
4. What would the "left-overs" look like in your life?
5. What specific actions will you take to put the spiritual Truths of this scripture into practice in your life?



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Matthew 14:13-21 ~ From a Metaphysical Perspective

The Biblical versions used as reference material for this metaphysical treatment of Matthew 14:13-21 in order to obtain the broadest possible band width of perspective were: The New Revised Standard Version, The NIV Rainbow Study Bible Version, the Authorized King James Version, George M. Lamsa's Translation from the Aramaic of the Peshitta, The Oxford Annotated Bible RSV, New International Version, the New Testament in Today's English Version, New American Standard Bible Version, Contemporary English Version, 21st Century King James Version, Worldwide English New Testament, and the Wycliffe New Testament.

We invite you to consult your favorite Bible translation and turn to Matthew 14:13-21. Read your translation and then compare it to the metaphysical perspective on the next page. Although the content of traditional scriptural passages varies slightly, depending on the translation, the metaphysical message is designed to align with your translation verse-by-verse.

We recommend your using this metaphysical interpretation as a study guide for Sunday services and Bible study classes, private study, meditation, and daily readings. You will find that we have provided both wings and landing gears with this metaphysical rendering so that it is both practical and down to earth. We have opted for understandability and clarity instead of loftiness and vagueness in offering this metaphysical interpretation.

From a metaphysical perspective, people and events, animals, cities, and locations are all aspects and qualities within us. Metaphysical Bible interpretation takes Biblical stories and events beyond their literal interpretation by providing more allegorical, esoteric, and metaphorical perspectives to uncover the hidden wisdom and spiritual teachings contained therein. We hope you will find this translation meaningful, stimulating, and enlightening.

For more metaphysical interpretations of Biblical stories and events go to:
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13. We take the matter to Spirit in prayer because we know in Spirit that we can master our emotions and sense gratifications.
14. The Christ in us understands our confusion and seeks to strengthen our bond with Spirit.
15. At the human level we may feel bound by circumstances and unworthy of Spirit's guidance even to the point of settling for sensory fulfillment.
16. But the Jesus of us knows we need only to be fed by Spirit.
17. If our only discernment is through our five senses, oftentimes we will see a lack of resources or fail to see the value of the resources we have.
18. But Spirit sees only abundance.
19. When we trust Spirit and bless what we have, we will find we have sufficient resources at our disposal.
20. And when we do this, each of our twelve spiritual faculties will be so enriched that we become aware of an endless supply of abundance,
21. no matter how many needs we think we have.