

John 6:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

'Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.' Twelve baskets from five loaves—more remained than they started with. The 'kophinos' were Jewish wicker baskets for carrying kosher food. Each disciple carried proof of miraculous provision. The surplus demonstrates that Christ's supply exceeds demand. He gives more than enough.

Historical Context

The twelve baskets may symbolize provision for the twelve tribes of Israel. Later, feeding four thousand would yield seven baskets—symbolizing the nations. Jesus provides for both Jew and Gentile with surplus. The fragments weren't discarded but preserved as testimony.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. What is the significance of twelve baskets remaining?
2. How does the surplus from the miracle illustrate God's generous provision?

Interlinear Text

συνήγαγον	οὖν	καὶ	ἐγένισαν	δώδεκα		
they gathered them together	Therefore	and	filled	twelve		
G4863	G3767	G2532	G1072	G1427		
κοφίνους	κλασμάτων	ἐκ	τῶν	πέντε	ἄρτων	τῶν
baskets	with the fragments	of	G3588	the five	loaves	G3588
G2894	G2801	G1537		G4002	G740	
κριθίνων	ἃ	ἐπερίσσευσεν	τοῖς	βεβρωκόσιν		
barley	which	remained over and above	G3588	unto them that had eaten		
G2916	G3739	G4052		G977		