

# John 6:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?

## Analysis

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'When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?' Jesus takes initiative, asking Philip a question He already knows the answer to (verse 6). The question tests Philip's faith and understanding. Jesus sees both the crowd and the opportunity—not a problem to solve but a glory to reveal. His concern for the hungry models compassion that leads to provision.

## Historical Context

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Philip was from Bethsaida, near this location—he should know local resources. Yet the question had no natural answer. Five thousand men plus women and children couldn't be fed with available resources. Jesus' question exposes human limitation to highlight divine sufficiency.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. Why does Jesus ask questions when He already knows the answers?
2. How do impossible situations become opportunities for divine glory?

## Interlinear Text

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ἐπάρας οὖν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς καὶ  
**lifted up** **then** G3588 **When Jesus** G3588 **his eyes** **and**  
G1869 G3767 G2424 G3788 G2532

θεασάμενος ὅτι πολὺς ὄχλος ἔρχεται πρὸς αὐτὸν λέγει  
**saw** G3754 **a great** **company** **come** **unto** G846 **he saith**  
G2300 G4183 G3793 G2064 G4314 G3004

πρὸς τὸν Φίλιππον Πόθεν ἀγοράσομεν ἄρτους ἵνα  
**unto** G3588 **Philip** **Whence** **shall we buy** **bread** **that**  
G4314 G5376 G4159 G59 G740 G2443

φάγωσιν οὗτοι  
**may eat** **these**  
G5315 G3778