

John 6:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

'Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little.' Philip calculates rather than believes. Two hundred denarii equaled about eight months' wages—a huge sum, yet still insufficient. His answer is accurate but faithless. He sees the crowd, calculates the cost, and concludes 'not enough.' Faith would have turned to Jesus rather than accountants.

Historical Context

A denarius was a day's wage for a laborer. Philip's calculation shows practical thinking but spiritual limitation. The disciples had already seen miracles; they should have expected divine provision. Philip's response represents human reason confronted with impossible need.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does calculation replace faith when facing impossible situations?

2. What does Philip's response teach about the limits of human reasoning?

Interlinear Text

ἀπεκρίθη αὐτῶν Φίλιππος Διακοσίων δηναρίων ἄρτοι
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Additional Cross-References

Mark 6:37 (Parallel theme): He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat?

John 12:5 (Parallel theme): Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?

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