

Mark 6:42

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they did all eat, and were filled.

Analysis

And they did all eat, and were filled. The miracle's result confirms complete provision. Everyone ate and 'were filled' (ἐχορτάσθησαν, echortasthēsan), meaning completely satisfied. Christ's provision doesn't merely meet minimum needs but provides abundant satisfaction. This material feeding illustrated spiritual reality: Christ as Bread of Life fully satisfies spiritual hunger (John 6:35). Reformed theology emphasizes God's lavish grace—salvation isn't grudging minimum but overflowing abundance.

Historical Context

In subsistence economy where many lived hand-to-mouth, being truly 'filled' was luxury the poor rarely enjoyed. The miracle's abundance showed God's generous character. This fulfilled messianic promises of abundant provision (Isaiah 25:6; Psalm 132:15) and echoed wilderness manna, identifying Jesus as greater than Moses.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. What does this verse teach about Christ's nature and work?
2. How should this truth shape our daily discipleship?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	ἔφαγον	πάντες	καὶ	ἐχορτάσθησαν
And	eat	all	And	were filled
G2532	G5315	G3956	G2532	G5526

Additional Cross-References

Luke 9:17 (Parallel theme): And they did eat, and were all filled: and there was taken up of fragments that remained to them twelve baskets.

John 6:12 (Parallel theme): When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.