

God of Miracles | 5,000 Points of View | Pastor Steve Williams | 03.13.2022  
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## 5,000 Points of View

1. Why does it help better understand a story by considering multiple perspectives?
2. Did you know the “Feeding of the 5,000” narrative before this week? Which perspective do you usually use with this story?
3. There are many points of view in this story (Jesus, Phillip, Andrew, the other disciples, the Truth-seekers in the crowd, the Miracle-watchers in the crowd, the boy, etc)
  - a. Which of these perspectives do you relate to the most now? Why?
  - b. Which of them might you explore more?
4. This story is found in all four gospels. Look at the chart below to understand the purpose of each of the gospels. Then read the story in all four books. What new perspectives do you see in the story now?

	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Author	Matthew, also called Levi.	John Mark (a young man who learned under Peter)	Luke, a Gentile physician and missionary companion of Paul.	The apostle John
Audience	Greek-speaking Jewish Christians.	Mostly Gentile Christians, probably in the church at Rome.	Addressed to Theophilus, but intended for all believers in Jesus.	Primarily Gentile believers in Jesus and seeking unbelievers.
Theme	Matthew presents Jesus as the Jewish Messiah sent by God to fulfill OT prophecy.	To encourage his readers to persevere through suffering and persecution, Mark presents Jesus as the Servant-Messiah and Son of God who died as a ransom for sinners.	Luke presents Jesus as the Messiah and Lord whose life, death and resurrection make salvation available to all people everywhere.	John presents Jesus as the Word, the Messiah and the incarnate Son of God, who has come to reveal the Father and bring eternal life to all who believe in Him.
The Story of the 5,000	Matthew 14:13-21	Mark 6:30-44	Luke 9:10-17	John 6:1-15