

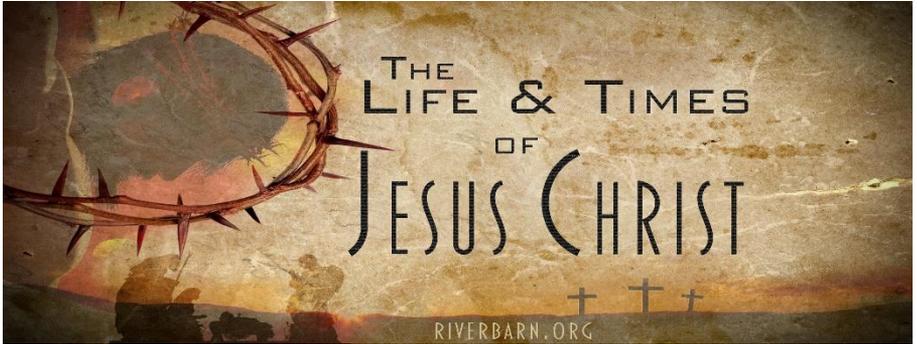
# The Life & Times of Jesus Christ

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It is the Spirit who gives life;  
the flesh profits nothing;  
the words that I have spoken to you  
are spirit and are life.

John 6:63 (NASB95)

## **John 6:1–14** (NASB95)

**1** After these things Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (or Tiberias).

**2** A large crowd followed Him, because they saw the signs which He was performing on those who were sick.

**3** Then Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat down with His disciples. **4** Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was near.

**5** Therefore Jesus, lifting up His eyes and seeing that a large crowd was coming to Him, said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these may eat?” **6 This He was saying to test him, for He Himself knew what He was intending to do.** **7** Philip answered Him, “Two hundred denarii [Note: Half a years wages] worth of bread is not sufficient for them, for everyone to receive a little.”

**8** One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to Him, **9** “There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are these for so many people?”

**10** Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the **men sat down, in number about five thousand.**

**11** Jesus then took the loaves, and having given thanks, He distributed to those who were seated; likewise also of the fish as much as they wanted.

**12** When they were filled, He said to His disciples, “Gather up the leftover fragments so that nothing will be lost.” **13** So they gathered them up, and **filled twelve baskets with fragments**

from the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten. **14** Therefore when the people saw the sign which He had performed, they said, “This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world.”

## BREAD OF LIFE

**Deuteronomy 8:3** (NASB95)

**3** “He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that man does not live by **bread** alone, but **man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord.**

**Matthew 4:1–4** (NASB95)

**1** Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. **2** And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry. **3** And the tempter came and said to Him, “**If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.**” **4** But He answered and said, “**It is written, ‘MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.’**”

## JOY IN TRIALS

**James 1:2–4** (NASB95)

**2** Consider it all **joy**, my brethren, when you encounter **various trials**, **3** knowing that the **testing of your faith** produces endurance. **4** And **let endurance have its perfect result**, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

**James 1:13–15** (NASB95)

**13** Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and **He Himself does not tempt anyone**. **14** But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. **15** Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.

### **1 Peter 1:6–9** (NASB95)

**6** In this you **greatly rejoice**, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by **various trials**, **7** so that the **proof of your faith**, *being* more precious than gold which is perishable, even though **tested by fire**, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ; **8** and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with **joy inexpressible and full of glory**, **9** obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.

### **Mark 6:33–44** (NASB95)

**33** *The people* saw them going, and many recognized *them* and ran there together on foot from all the cities, and got there ahead of them. **34** When Jesus went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and He felt compassion for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things. **35** When it was already quite late, His disciples came to Him and said, “This place is desolate and it is already quite late; **36** send them away so that they may go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” **37** But He answered them, “You give them *something* to eat!” And they said to Him, “Shall we go and spend two hundred denarii on bread and give them *something* to eat?” **38** And He said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go look!” And when they found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” **39** And He commanded them all to

sit down by groups on the green grass. **40** They sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. **41** And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up toward heaven, He blessed *the food* and broke the loaves and He kept giving *them* to the disciples to set before them; and He divided up the two fish among them all. **42** They all ate and were satisfied, **43** and they picked up twelve full baskets of the broken pieces, and also of the fish. **44** There were five thousand men who ate the loaves.

### **Matthew 14:13–21** (NASB95)

**13** Now when Jesus heard *about John*, He withdrew from there in a boat to a secluded place by Himself; and when the people heard *of this*, they followed Him on foot from the cities. **14** When He went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and felt compassion for them and healed their sick. **15** When it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, “This place is desolate and the hour is already late; so send the crowds away, that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” **16** But Jesus said to them, “They do not need to go away; you give them *something* to eat!” **17** They said to Him, “We have here only five loaves and two fish.” **18** And He said, “Bring them here to Me.” **19** Ordering the people to sit down on the grass, He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up toward heaven, He blessed *the food*, and breaking the loaves He gave them to the disciples, and the disciples *gave them* to the crowds, **20** and they all ate and were satisfied. They picked up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve full baskets. **21** There were about five thousand men who ate, besides women and children.

### **Luke 9:12–17** (NASB95)

**12** Now the day was ending, and the twelve came and said to Him, “Send the crowd away, that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside and find lodging and get something to eat; for here we are in a desolate place.” **13** But He said to them, “You give them *something* to eat!” And they said, “We have no

more than five loaves and two fish, unless perhaps we go and buy food for all these people.” **14** (For there were about five thousand men.) And He said to His disciples, “Have them sit down *to eat* in groups of about fifty each.” **15** They did so, and had them all sit down. **16** Then He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed them, and broke *them*, and kept giving *them* to the disciples to set before the people. **17** And they all ate and were satisfied; and the broken pieces which they had left over were picked up, twelve baskets *full*.

Notes:

THOUGH YOU HAVE NOT SEEN HIM, YOU LOVE HIM.  
THOUGH YOU DO NOT NOW SEE HIM,  
YOU BELIEVE IN HIM AND REJOICE WITH

# Joy

1 PETER 1:8-9

THAT IS INEXPRESSIBLE AND FILLED WITH GLORY,  
OBTAINING THE OUTCOME OF YOUR FAITH,  
THE SALVATION OF YOUR SOULS.

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