

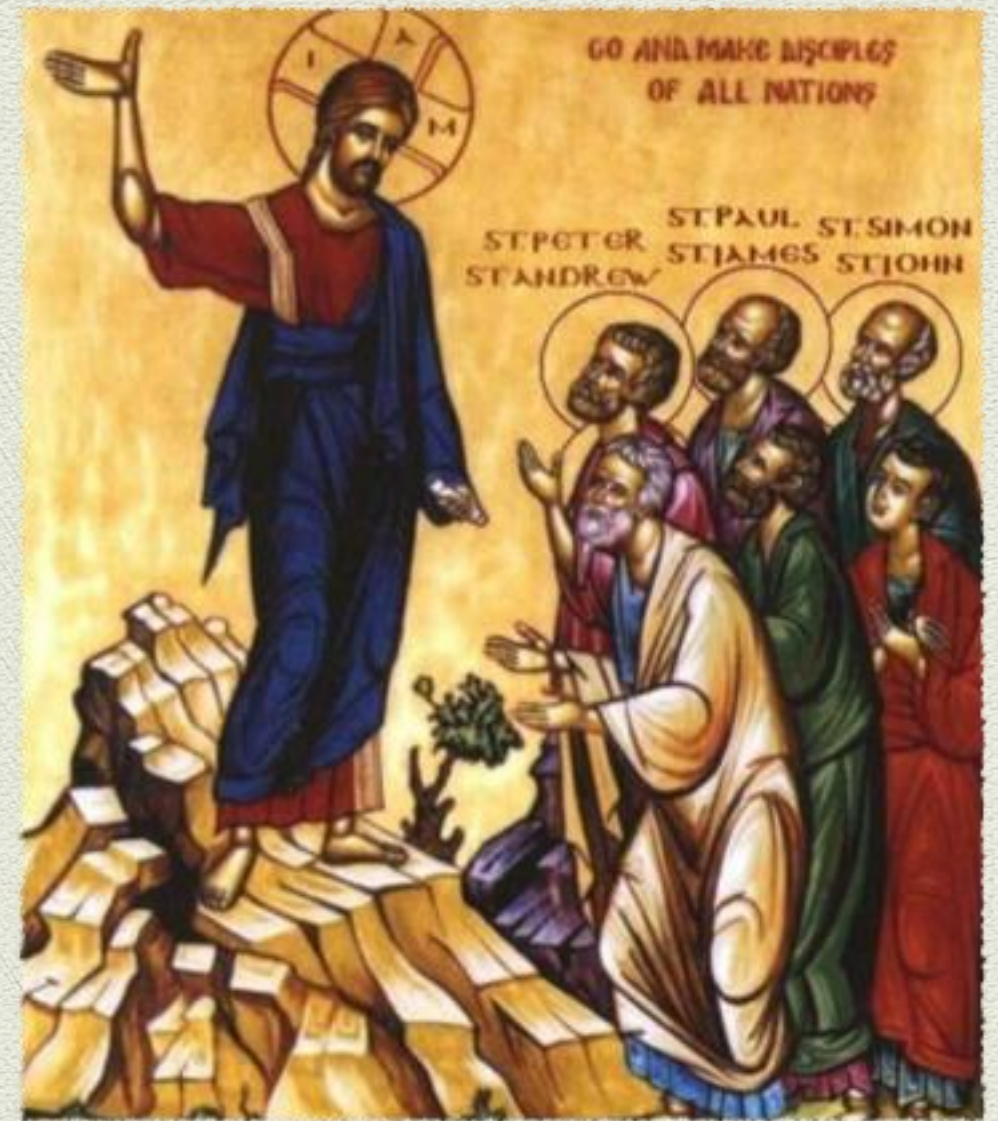


*“And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples.”*  
– John 6:3



# All are called to be disciples

- ♦ Matt. 28:19 – “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...”
- ♦ Jn. 8:31 – “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.”





# Testing of Faith

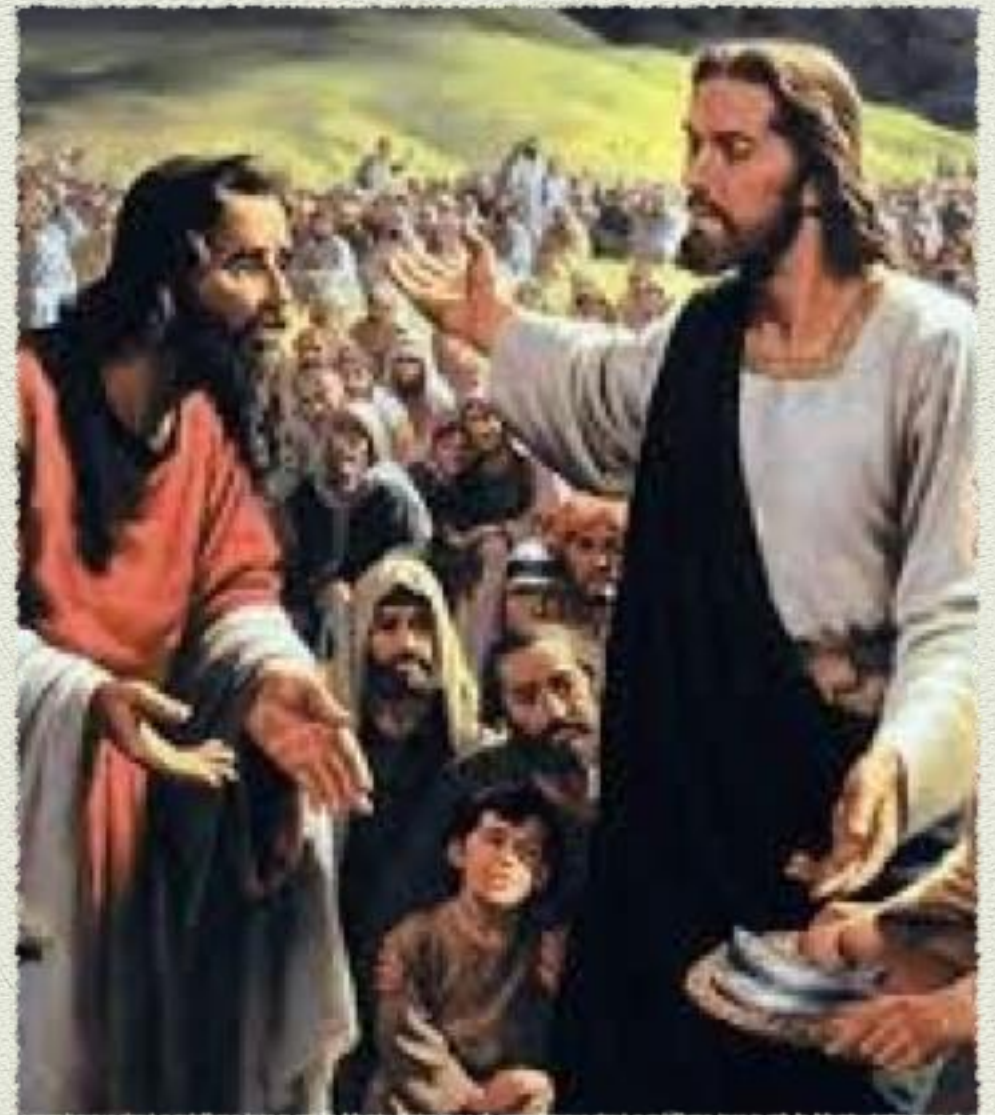
- ◆ Murder of St. John the Baptist preceded feeding the multitude
- ◆ Various test of faith:
  - ◆ Anguish and fear
  - ◆ Move out of comfort zone
  - ◆ Pain and/or hardship





# Different Solutions

- ◆ “Send the multitude away, that they may go into the surrounding towns and country, and lodge and get provisions; for we are in a deserted place here.” (Lk. 9:12)
- ◆ Our solutions are often not His solutions





# Cooperation

- ◆ Why would the Lord Christ ask the disciples to feed them knowing their inability?
- ◆ The Lord wanted their cooperation in service
- ◆ The disciples learned to obey blindly
- ◆ Sometimes God's requests are nearly impossible



# Cooperation

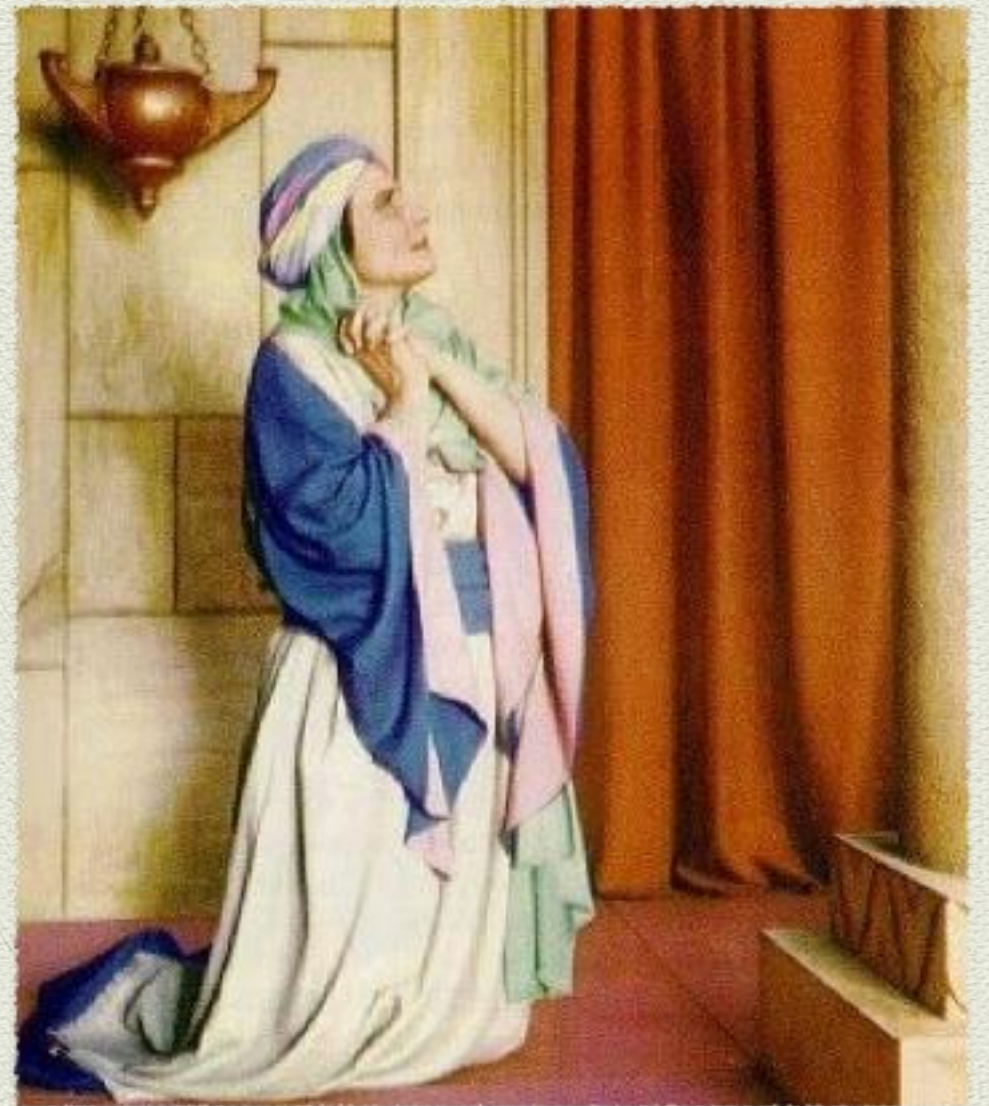
- ◆ Lk. 9:15-16 – “And they did so, and made them all sit down. Then He took the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke them...”
- ◆ Cooperation in Prayer





# Give thanks before seeing results

- Example: Hanna
- 1 Sam. 1:18 – “So the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad.”





# Review

- ◆ Our faith will be tested
- ◆ Our solutions are often not His solutions
- ◆ Sometimes God's requests are too great – when this is the case, know that He wants you to do your part – Cooperation in SERVICE & PRAYER
- ◆ He wants us to give thanks even before we receive anything



# Who felt the greater impact?

- ◆ Example: Servants at Wedding of Cana of Galilee
- ◆ Jn. 2:9 – “When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (**but the servants who had drawn the water knew**), the master of the feast called the bridegroom.”