After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias.

A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley
loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” 10 Jesus said, “Make the
people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about
five thousand in all. 11 Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distrib-
uted them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 When they
were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing
may be lost.” 13 So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves,
left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. 14 When the people saw the sign that
he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.” 15

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king,
he withdrew again to the mountain by him-self. 16 When evening came, his dis-ci-ples went
down to the sea, 17 got into a boat, and started across the sea to Ca-per-naum. It was now
dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. 18 The sea became rough because a strong wind was
blow-ing. 19 When they had rowed a-bout three or four miles, they saw Je-sus walk-ing on the
sea and com-ing near the boat, and they were ter-rif ied. 20 But he said to them, “It is I;
do not be a-fraid.” 21 Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and im-me-di-ate-ly the
boat reached the land toward which they were go-ing.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.