

7. Christ prayed for future believers

John 17:20 - "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,"

For whom was Christ praying in this verse?

Do you pray for future believers to be kept from the evil one and to be sanctified by God's word?

Are you praying this for your children, your grandchildren, your great grandchildren?

Lord, You prayed for me. I am grateful and amazed. Today I pray for future generations of people who will choose to follow You. Please keep them from the evil one. Please sanctify them in Your truth. Please keep my children, my grandchildren, my great grandchildren from the evil one. Please sanctify them in Your truth. Your word is truth.

8. Christ gave thanks

Matthew 15:36 - and He [Jesus] took the seven loaves and the fish; and giving thanks, He broke them and started giving them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.

What did Jesus do when He received the seven loaves of bread and the fish?

To Whom was He giving thanks?

Why was it important to give thanks?

Do you take time to give the Father thanks for His provision?

Jesus, I am grateful for Your wonderful example of giving thanks to the Father for His provision. Thank You, Father in Heaven, for the many ways that You daily meet my needs.

9. Christ empowered

Matthew 10:1 - Jesus summoned His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.

What did Jesus do before sending His disciples out to do ministry?

Can Christ give you power to do the ministry He has called you to do?

Are you relying on your own intellect, natural abilities, and strength, or are you relying on His power?

How will that affect your ministry and your ability to endure?

Lord, as You send me out to do Your kingdom work, please enable me to do what You have called me to do. Help me to rely on Your power instead of on my own intellect, natural abilities, and strength. Glorify Yourself through me.

10. Christ blessed the food

Matthew 14:19 - Ordering the people to sit down on the grass, He [Jesus] 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,

Jesus not only gave thanks for the food, but He also did what?

What was the result of that blessing?

Do you take time to ask God to bless the provisions you share with others?

How could that make a difference for those with whom you share?

Jesus, not only did You give thanks for the food, but You blessed it also. Thank You for the provisions You daily give to me. Please bless the provisions that I share with others so that many will be nourished... and so that many will come to know You, the true Bread that comes down out of heaven.