

I. The disciples of Jesus

- A. carry out Jesus' work (Luke 4:43; 8:1)
- B. on Jesus' behalf (Matthew 28:19; Acts 1:8; John 15:27)
- C. under Jesus' authority
- D. Do we like this?

II. Herod: a false ruler

- A. Note: not the same Herod that was ruling when Jesus was born, but a descendant
- B. Linked to the feeding of the 5,000
- C. I think the link is this:

III. Jesus is the true Provider from God

- A. Jesus provides for His ordained servants. (1 Corinthians 9:14; see all of 1 Corinthians 9; 1 Timothy 5; 2 Corinthians 11:7-9)
- B. Jesus provides for all His people.
- C. Jesus provides what we *need*.
- D. Jesus provides more than enough.
- E. Jesus provides in spite of the weakness of His servants.

IV. The upshot

- A. Believe the good news of the kingdom of God
- B. Eat the food God has provided, together with His people: join a church
- C. Respect the authority of "men under authority."
- D. Aspire to be one of Christ's ordained servants (1 Timothy 3:1-13)
- E. Don't expect the church to be perfect or your source of blessing (Hebrews 13:17; James 3:1)