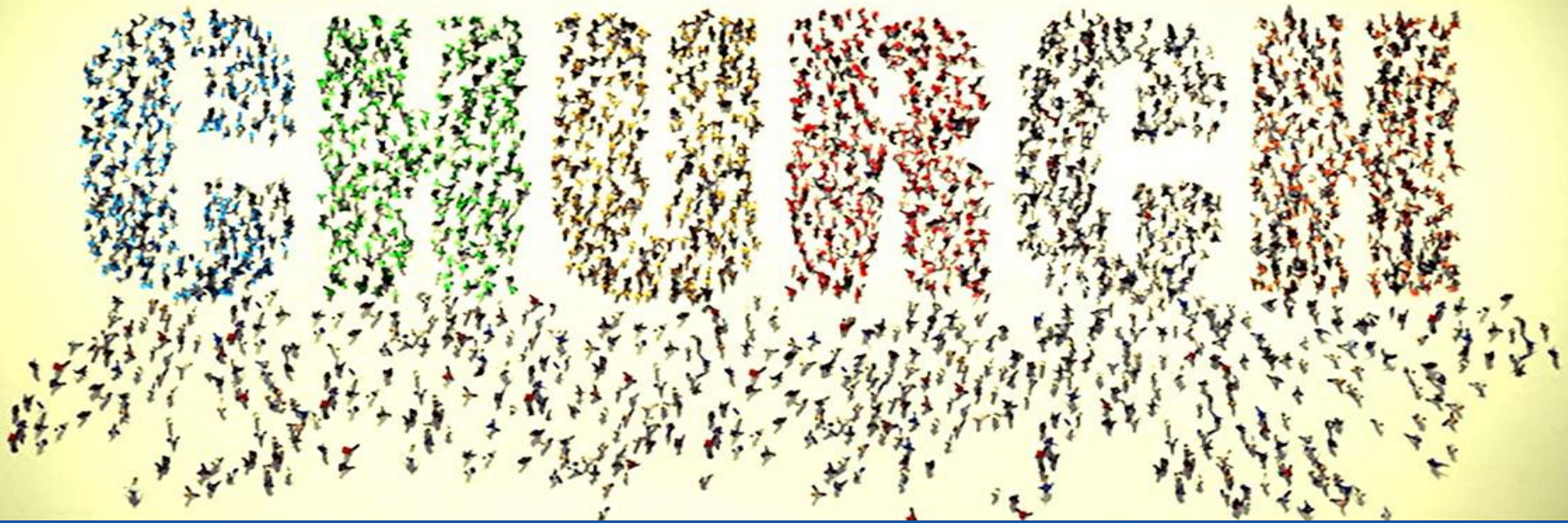




- A label defines people, institutions, things and events, and more with a simple word
- Labels, like Liberal and Conservative, don't always mean the same thing to each person
- "The Church" is a label and different people define it various ways
- A thing called "The Church" does not exist in the New Testament
- ***Ekklesia*** = assembly



WHAT IS THE



- 1) A building 2) any group of religious people
- 3) A public worship service 4) The official governing body
- 5) The entire body of Christians as a whole
- What it really means is GENTILES practicing a GENTILE created religion called Christianity
- “The Church” has shunned its Hebrew foundations and made Jewish membership (almost) impossible

WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?

- A “Christian” is
 - 1) a gentile
 - 2) a member of The Church
 - 3) A follower of Christ
- The mainstream Church has re-made Yeshua into a gentile or a generic man
- Many Bible scholars don't believe in God; the Bible is merely their chosen field of study
- While their expertise in languages and history can be great, their conclusions about meanings can be dubious

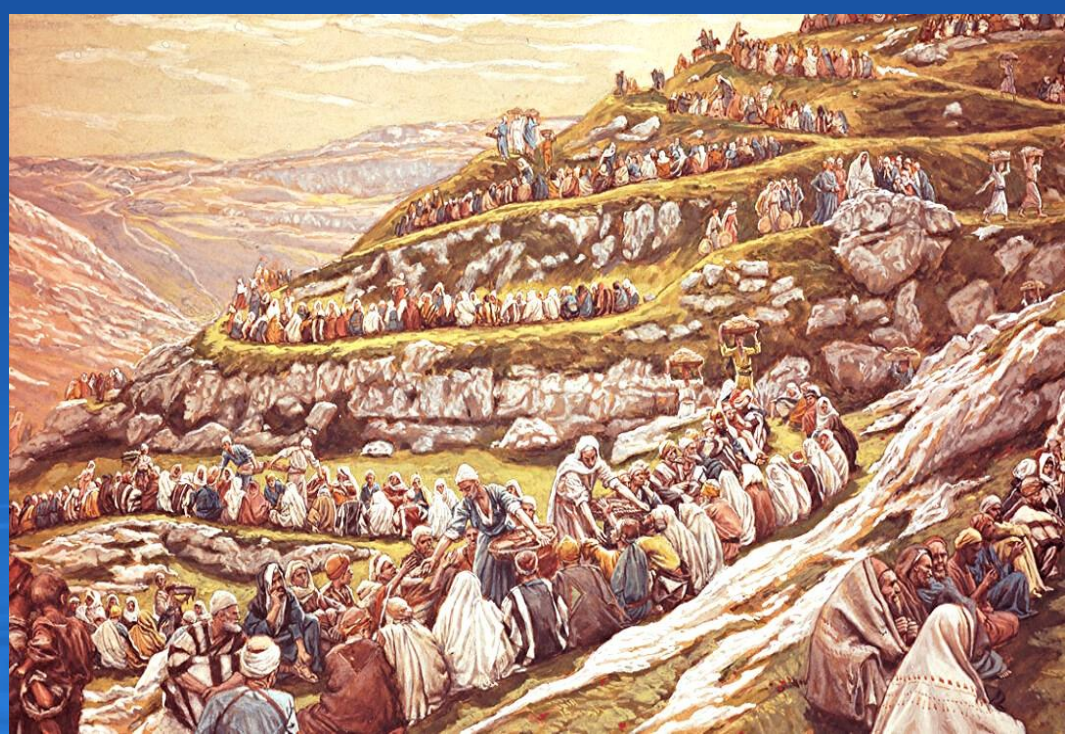
ANOTHER FEEDING MIRACLE



- Yeshua at first refused to help a gentile woman because she wasn't part of Israel
- After her persistence He healed her daughter
- Most Bible scholars do not believe that this 2nd feeding happened as they see it as redundant
- Mark gives us a reason why a 2nd feeding miracle made sense



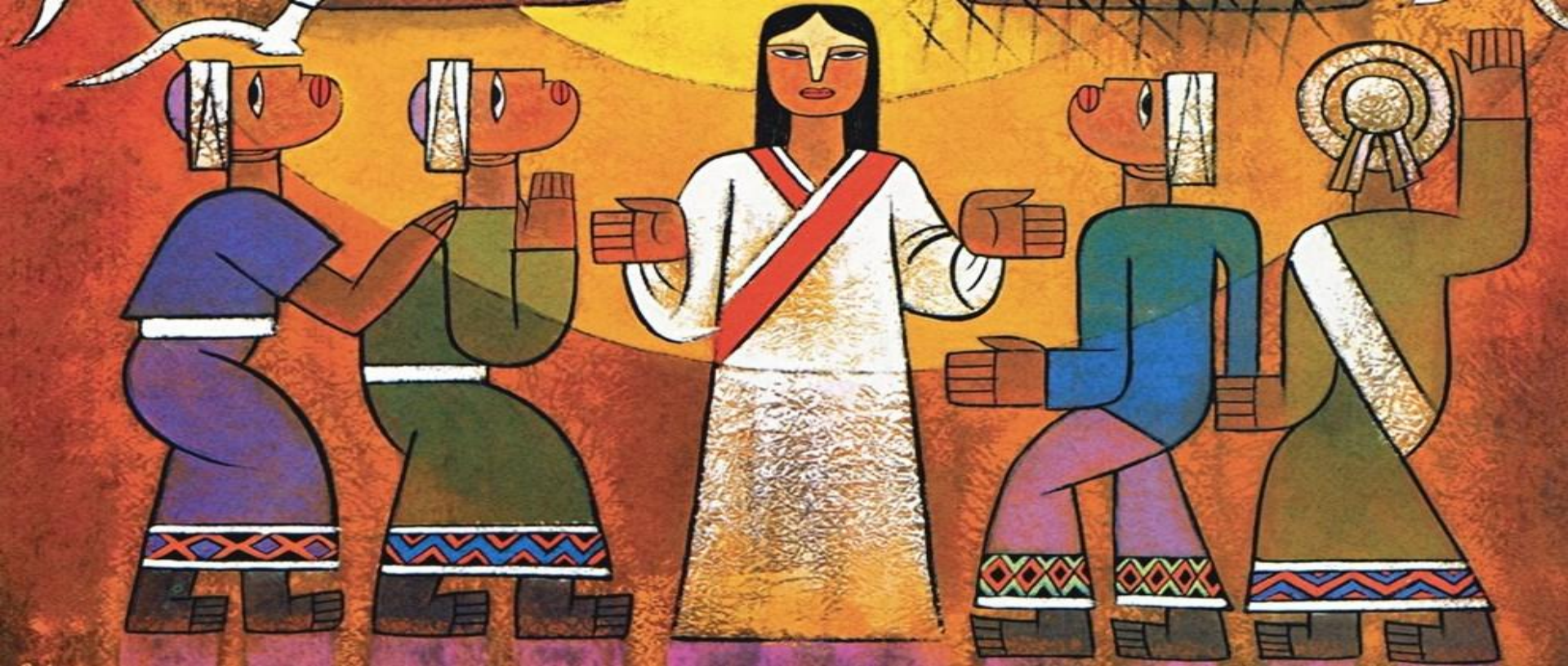
- Mark 6:51 – 52
- Disciples being unprepared for Jesus' walking on water is because they didn't understand about the 1st feeding
- Yeshua says there were 2 feedings
- Matthew 16:8 – 10
- Some Bible scholars see Christ's actions as acting out a future End Times prophecy



THE EUCHARIST



- Some Bible commentators see the feeding as pointing towards the establishment of the Eucharist
- Eucharist is a Roman Church Sacrament built around Communion
- Isaiah 2:1 – 3
- The only real commonality between Isaiah and Matthew is the hill!
- At the feeding it was bread and fish, not bread and wine



- The crowds were coming for the *Tzadik* to heal them
- They had no view of Jesus as Messiah at this point
- There was no distinction between everyday life and spiritual life in that era (and there shouldn't be now!)
- The healed people said a *b'rakhah* to the God of Israel



OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME

- 1st feeding, the crowds were there 1 day
- 2nd feeding, 3 days
- Probably no significance in the #3 since it was expressed only in days, and not days and nights
- ***Eucharisteo*** = give thanks
- The blessing over the bread was standard for all Jews and not a special event



“Feed My sheep”

- Important that we see that again it was the disciples’ job to hand out the food
- John 21:17
- Feeding the sheep occurs on 2 levels:
 - 1) handing out literal food, and
 - 2) teaching God’s Word as spiritual food
- 12 often symbolic of the whole house of Israel
- 7 the Ideal Number, wholeness, completion



7 and 12

WHERE IS MAGADAN?



- 4000 men plus women and children likely added up to around 8000 people in the crowd
- Yeshua moves on to Magadan
- Many theories on what or where that is
- Mark 8:10 calls it Dalmanuta (Roman?)
- Last verse of ch.15 sets up the first verse of ch.16