

## **Luke 9:12-20**

**12** The day was drawing to a close, and the twelve came to him and said, "Send the crowd away, so that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside, to lodge and get provisions; for we are here in a deserted place." **13** But he said to them, "You give them something to eat." They said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish – unless we are to go and buy food for all these people." **14** For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, "Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each." **15** They did so and made them all sit down. **16** And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. **17** And all ate and were filled. What was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces. **18** Once when Jesus was praying alone, with only the disciples near him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" **19** They answered, "John the Baptist; but others, Elijah; and still others, that one of the ancient prophets has arisen." **20** He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered, "The Messiah of God."

## **I Kings 19:4-15a**

**4** But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." **5** Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." **6** He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. **7** The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." **8** He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. **9** At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" **10** He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." **11** He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong

that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; **12** and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. **13** When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" **14** He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." **15** Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus.