

Lesson 5
2 Kings 4:38-44

GOD HAS COME TO HELP HIS PEOPLE

The Poisoned Stew (2 Kings 4:38-41)

56. According to Amos 4:6, what was the cause of the famine mentioned in 2 Kings 4:38?

57. Read Genesis 3:17. Why were the gourds poisonous?

58. Was the stew merely inedible or was it literally poisonous such that eating it would have caused serious illness or death?

The Feeding of the Hundred (2 Kings 4:42-44)

59. Why is it noteworthy that a man from the region of Baal Shalisha brought loaves and grain to Elisha?

60. Read Exodus 23:19a. What are first fruits? Where were the people of Israel to bring their first fruits? Why did the man from Baal Shalisha bring his first fruits to Elisha?

61. Was Elisha responsible for the miracle of the feeding of the hundred? Explain your answer.

Where is Jesus?

62. What does Elisha's detoxification of the poisonous stew have in common with the healing of the water in Jericho recorded in 2 Kings 2:19-22? What do both miracles teach us about Christ and His work?
63. Read Mark 6:35-44 and Mark 8:1-9. What connection would the people who witnessed these miracles have made between Elisha's feeding of the hundred in 2 Kings 4:42-44 and Christ's feeding of the five and four thousand?
64. Why is Luke 7:16 a fitting summary of the four miracles of Elisha recounted in 2 Kings 4?