**MIRACLES: THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF JESUS—STUDY OF MATTHEW**

**LESSON EIGHT—“THE MIRACULOUS FEEDING” MATTHEW 14:14-21; LUKE 9:10-17**

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