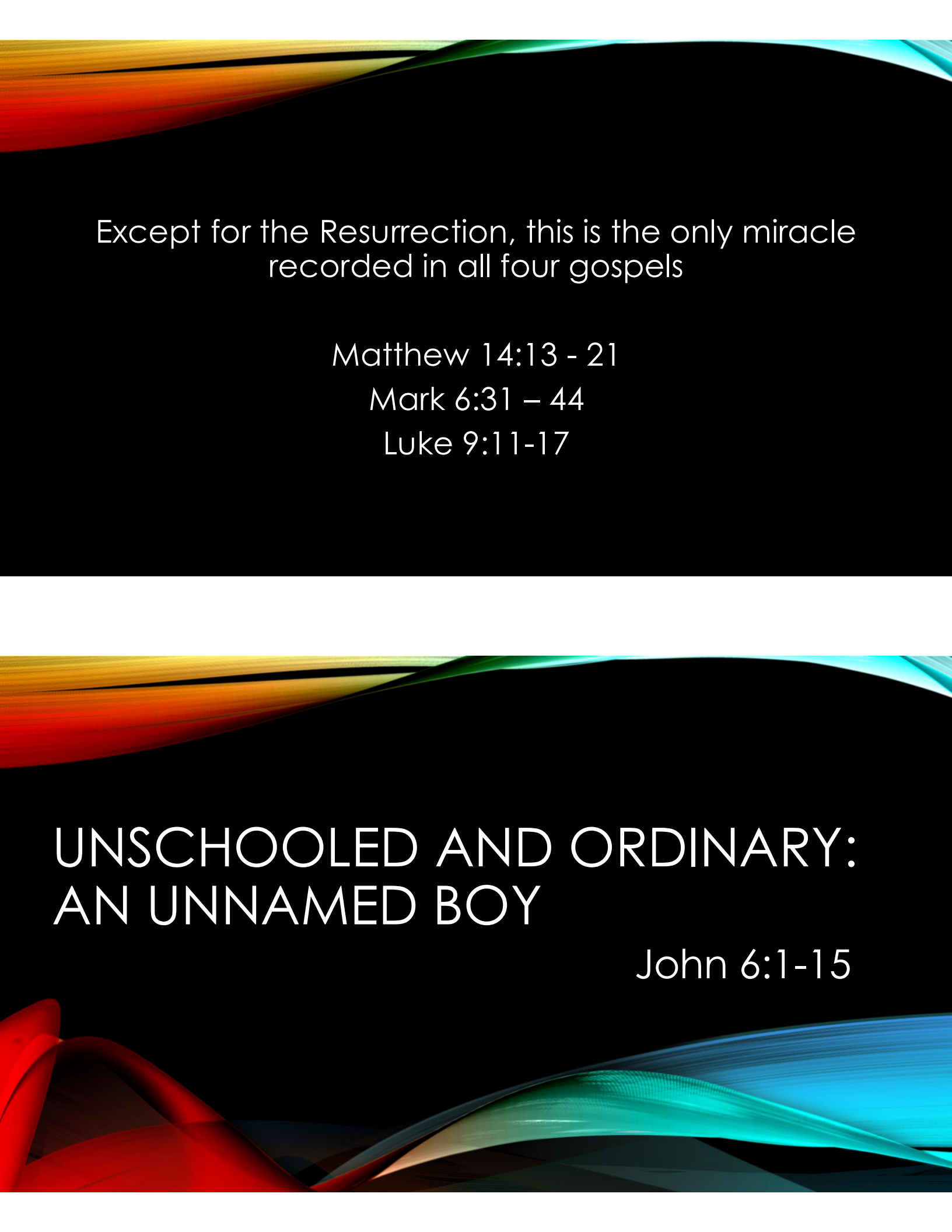




Except for the Resurrection, this is the only miracle
recorded in all four gospels

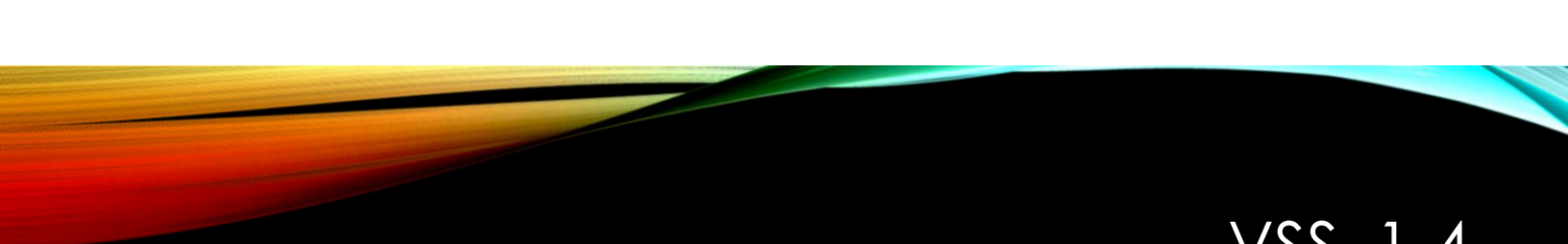
Matthew 14:13 - 21

Mark 6:31 – 44

Luke 9:11-17

UNSCHOOLED AND ORDINARY: AN UNNAMED BOY

John 6:1-15



VSS. 1-4

Jesus is on the move from Jerusalem to Galilee, and crowds follow because of His miracles.

“The Jewish Passover Feast was near”

Identifies a point in history.

Reminds that hopes of Messiah were ramped up.

May help us understand the crowds



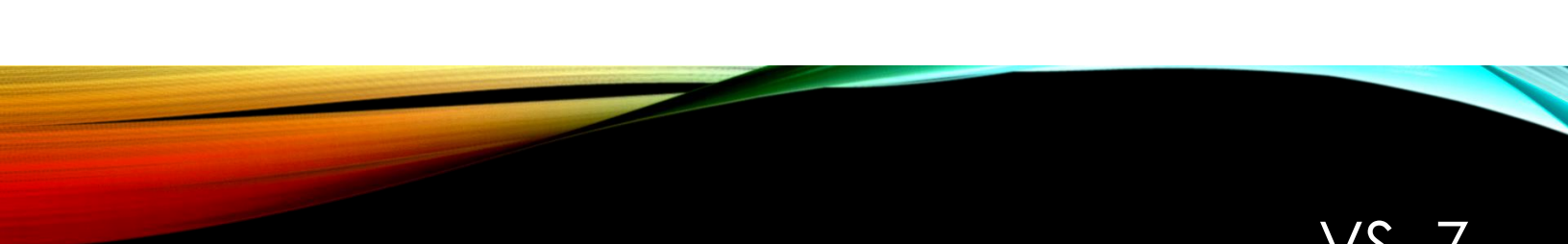
VSS. 5-6

A test:

“Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?”

The crowd, enormous. The venue, remote.

With man, this is an impossible situation.
With God, all things are possible (Matt. 19:26)



VS. 7

To underscore the size of the task:

“Eight months wages would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!”

2/3 of your salary wouldn't even touch the need.

But Jesus.

And if God is in it...?



VSS. 8-9

One unnamed boy

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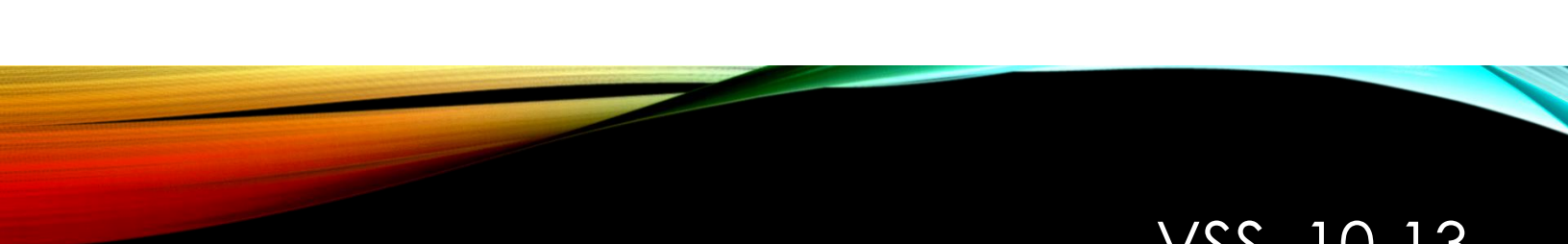
One ridiculously miniscule lunch

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Surrender to the Savior

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Thousands and thousands fed (15-20K?)



VSS. 10-13

Jesus gave thanks to God above and then distributed freely to all. There were even 12 baskets left over!

The name to be exalted is Jesus' name.
The measure of our resources is not the point.
The need is surrender.
The power to make it happen is the Savior.



OKAY, BUT...

While this is all true enough and – to some degree, at least - fits with our 'unschooled and ordinary' theme, this account is way bigger.

It's more than Jesus having compassion on hungry followers. It's greater than a boy's kindness (or an awesome mom's preparedness). It's even bigger than just Jesus performing a crazy cool miracle.

Read on...

VSS. 26-35

This is about so much more than full bellies, although many people still pursue Christ for “food that spoils”

And sadly, many turn away disillusioned when the free meal runs out.

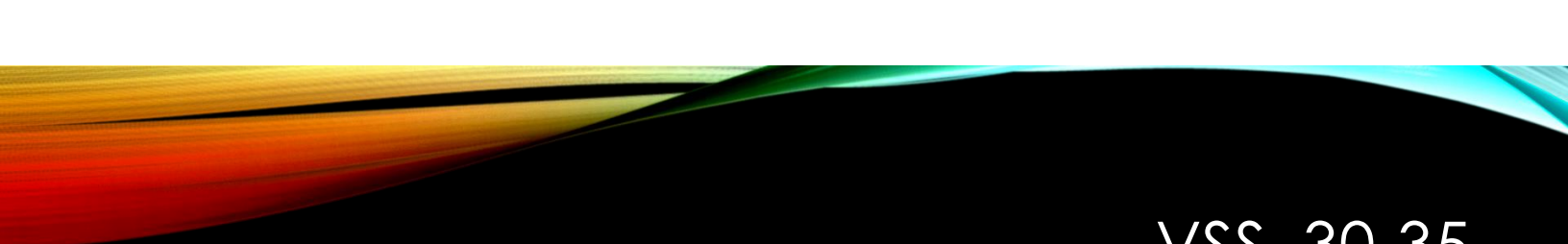
Imagine the level of deception necessary to believe the best Jesus Christ has to offer is a sandwich

VSS. 28-29

“What must we do...?”

Still wanting to work for it.

We must understand the plain words of Jesus:
“The work of God is this: Believe in the One He has sent.”



VSS. 30-35

15,000+ just ate their fill and yet, "we want a sign..."
Guard your hearts against such nonsense

Jesus is not the bread-giver. Jesus is the Bread of Life.

"I am the Bread of Life. He who comes to me will
never go hungry, and he who believes in Me will
never be thirsty."