



Feeding the Five Thousand  
Mt 14:13-21; Mk 6:30-44,  
Lk 9:10-17; Jn 6:1-15

The disciples called while fishing  
Mt 4:18-22; Mk 1:16-20; Lk 5:1-11

The Mission of the Twelve  
Mt 6:6-13; Mk 9:35-11:1; Lk 9:1-6

The 12 baskets that the 12 disciples collected would represent the combined teachings of the 12 Apostles, the foundation of the Church.

The 7 baskets left over after the second feeding would be the accumulated light of the 7 messengers during the span of the gospel age.

Numeric's of the two feedings  
(add people and food,  
and multiply one by the other):

$$5 \text{ loaves} + 7 \text{ loaves} = 12$$

$$2 \text{ fish} + 2 \text{ fish} = 4$$

$$12 + 4 = 16 \text{ units of food}$$

$$5000 + 4000 = 9000 \text{ men fed}$$

$$16 \times 9000 = 144,000$$