

John 6:1-15 (New International Version)

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

1 Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), 2 and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the miraculous signs he had performed on the sick. 3 Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. 4 The Jewish Passover Feast was near.

5 When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" 6 He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

7 Philip answered him, "Eight months' wages [a] would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"

8 Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, 9 "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"

10 Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and the men sat down, about five thousand of them.

11 Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

12 When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." 13 So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

14 After the people saw the miraculous sign that Jesus did, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." 15 Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

Footnotes: 1. John 6:7 Greek two hundred denarii

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Setting

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My Feedback

Great chunk of teaching -- thank you Aaron -- really great relaying of the story in this portion of scripture focused to highlight our spiritual need in light of the Gospel and a true framing of God's view of 'Justice'.

The repeating of diverse metaphors (swimmer, sky diver, us) really stuck with with me and caused a meditation on the big ideas in this portion of scripture.

Lost me a bit on framing the real problem as missing out on the ultimate high, but then I began to get it as you talked more -- living our lives in a way that says "God is not best or enough"

Breaking it down

They wanted Jesus to be a political leader

Not gonna talk about the boy

These folks did not follow Jesus because of

Great Teaching

Eddie Izzard -- Not because he had a cool Ghandi Bhudda funkiness

Jesus withdraws

They wanted to make Jesus their earthly king

In the roman empire you would see people tortured on crosses on the side of the road

Friends and family plan

Leaders were slaughtered

As if our leaders were killed

Gunn, Driscoll, Piper, Keller

Romans went into holy of holies and took stuff out

Nothing happened

Why did he withdraw?

Because they were not concerned with what Jesus was concerned with

They vastly underestimated their spiritual need

Jesus withdrew

Like a swimmer who think he is in the pool who is really in the ocean

Like a sky diver worried about his gloves who has no parachute

Crowd failed to realize justice for one means justice for all

Root problem is not the big evils

These are symptoms

We were created to be spiritually filthy rich

Yet we fall short of that

We choose things that are second best to give us that pleasure

Root problem -- we do not have the ultimate high

We live our lives in a way that indicate God is nt best

That other things are best

What does the Bible say about evil

Money / sex / etc.

Idolotry

Not bad to praise things -- Lewis says this

How do you find good restraunts?

Word of mouth

God has wired us to enjoy things and tell other people about them

See Seth Godin on marketing

Very interesting See Scoble on blogs etc.

Subtopic

Aaron

I love my wife

We have been through crazy stuff

What if I picked out a woman here

And focused on her

when we really should have only one