

Gospel of John: That You Might Believe

[John 6:1-21](#)

“The King in Charge” – April 25, 2021



Introduction

Nobody has to teach us how to be hungry. The preacher in Ecclesiastes tried everything this world had to offer and found that it was all a striving after the wind. There was nothing to be gained under the sun. Our hunger taunts us. God has eternity set in man's heart. Why do we settle for less? Because we aren't willing to trust God. John is going to teach us to **trust Jesus as the one who gives life, not just a meal.**

Pray

Before you begin, take some time to ask God to help you understand His word, to reveal what needs to change in you, and for the grace to follow Him in response. To help, use [Psalm 119:33-40](#) as a prayer for God to open His word up to you.

Read & Discuss

Read [6:1-21](#)

Jesus sees this multitude and has compassion on them. Instead of resting He teaches 5,000+ all day long. When the day draws to an end, He knew they were hungry. Philip and Andrew looked around and saw thousands of people and just a few pieces of food. How do you think you would have reacted that day if Jesus asked you about feeding the people? There is no practical way to feed the multitude in this story. The Christian life isn't always calculated or practical. It's a relationship with Christ. He is able.

How we live flows out of what we worship. What are you worshiping right now? What flows out of your life and love? We need to hold fast to what God is telling us in the Bible. The disciple's problem was a deficient view of Jesus. His miracle was a sign to help us and them see something of who Jesus is. It's meant to open our eyes to see that Jesus is the Christ. How big or small is your view of Jesus right now? The child in this story brought the little that he had to Jesus and Jesus used it. What do you have that you can bring to Jesus? He can use it.

When Jesus performs the miracle, each person in the crowd ate his fill and there were even leftovers. The disciples had told Jesus it was impossible, but nothing is impossible with God. Jesus uses this miracle to show the disciples more of who He is. For those who trust Him, God will provide all that we need. Are you trusting Jesus with all that you need? He promises to provide that generously. Ask yourself, why do you love Jesus? Do you love Him for what you get like the crowd? They immediately wanted to take him by force to make Him King to use Him for their own benefits. Do you want Jesus to rule over you or do you want Him for what can do for you? If we try to use Jesus and his power and our religion for selfish ends, we are not trusting Jesus as our King. Jesus is our creator who is meant to be trusted and obeyed.

Do you submit to your desires or do your desires submit to the word of God? Our desires let us down, because sin lies to us. We must look to God for how to live a fulfilled life. Jesus came to offer more than a meal. He came to give us life ([6:35](#)). Are you wondering how to get out of discontentment? God says come to Him and we must grow in that.

When the disciples head out in front of Jesus (vs [16-22](#)), we see them caught in a storm. Jesus comes walking on water through the storm. The disciples are terrified. Why do you think Jesus sends the disciples ahead of Him? Maybe it's because He knows exactly what the disciples need. He knows they need to see a bigger view of who He is. The disciples are learning to trust God, it's a process. What are some ways God has taught you to trust Him? We need to grow in our understanding of who He is. Are you asking God for anything? Trust that His response is that it is for your good. Notice Jesus hasn't forgotten the disciples in the storm. When you are caught in the storm of life do you feel like Jesus has forgotten you? Even if he has to walk on water in a storm, He will keep his promise to you. The point John is making is if Jesus is in your boat your good. You can trust Him. He will provide what you need when you need it. What's happening in your boat right now? What feels too big for God to handle? It's in that crisis when we can't see what's going on that we are tempted to doubt that God will keep his promises. Don't take matters into your own hands. John reminds us Jesus is the Christ who is trustworthy and good. We may not understand a lot, but God is not distant, and nothing will hinder Him. After all, he provided Himself as the perfect Passover Lamb. He conquered death to save us.

Prayer of Response

1) After hearing God's Word, what sin do I need to *confess*? From what do I need to *repent*?

2) How should my life be lived this week based on what I have heard? What should I *understand, believe, desire, or do*?

Spend time praying together in response to God's word asking for His help and greater faith to follow Him in the week to come.

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***Next week's sermon text:** we turn to [2 John](#) "Walking in the Truth (Part Two)"