

⑭ Gospel of John

INTRODUCTION | The Table of God

In today's bible passage we are confronted with the question of what we will do when we come face to face with our lack. People respond to situations in which they lack something in different ways. Jesus urges us to: 1) recognize our lack; 2) trust him because he will plentifully supply; 3) trust him because he will supply in the best way for us, even if it is an unexpected way.

SCRIPTURE | John 6:1-15

1 After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. 2 And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. 3 Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. 4 Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. 5 Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" 6 He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. 7 Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little." 8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 9 "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" 10 Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. 11 Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." 13 So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. 14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!" 15 Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

QUESTIONS |

- 1: How does Jesus emphasise the disciples inability to solve the food shortage problem in John chapter 3 verses 1-9.
- 2: Consider both your deepest sin problem, as well as various struggles in your life in general, in what ways are you unable to provide sufficiently for yourself and solve these problems by yourself.
- 3: In verses 10-13, how do we see Jesus plentiful provision?
- 4: Consider again, both your deepest sin problem, as well as various struggles in your life in general, in what ways have you experienced Jesus plentiful provision in your life already.
- 5: In verses 14 and 15, how does Jesus defy the expectations of the people? In what way does Jesus' going against the expectation of the crowd and being a King who died on the cross, lead to abundantly more blessing for people than if he had become merely a political king? (Reference: Deuteronomy 18:15; John 18:36; John 12:23-24)
6. How does seeing the wisdom of Jesus which is beyond our expectations and his love and plentiful provision for us at the cross, help us to trust him, even in difficult situations in our lives.

Reading (Reference) |

Deuteronomy 18:15

18:15 "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen

John 18:36

18:36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.

John 12:23-24

12:23 And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

UPCOMING EVENTS | MARCH

Crossroads Bible Study (22nd)

Leader training (23rd)

Lunchtime meeting (25th Marunouchi, 26th Otemachi)

London Missions team (3/38/4/6)

Palm Sunday (29th)

Crossroad bible study (29th).

Lunchtime meeting Spring Vision Party (30th) Marunouchi Building

Lunchtime meeting 31st Jinbo-Cho, Akasaka 1st April Marunouchi Kasumigaseki

2nd April Otemachi

Good Friday Service 3rd April 19:30 KDDI HALL

A Day Hakone Trip 4th April Sat

Easter Special Lunch 1:30 KDDI HALL 500Yen (Book in advance)

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