

Meeting Your Need is a Picnic for Jesus

Parties of Jesus # 3

Luke 9:10-17

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SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 9:10-17 ¹⁰ On their return the apostles told him all that they had done. And he took them and withdrew apart to a town called Bethsaida. ¹¹ When the crowds learned it, they followed him, and he welcomed them and spoke to them of the kingdom of God and cured those who had need of healing. ¹² Now the day began to wear away, and the twelve came and said to him, "Send the crowd away to go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and get provisions, for we are here in a desolate place." ¹³ But he said to them, "You give them something to eat." They said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people." ¹⁴ For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each." ¹⁵ And they did so, and had them all sit down. ¹⁶ And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. ¹⁷ And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

MAIN IDEA

When You Follow Jesus You Are His Guest...

We are the guest and Jesus sets the agenda for the party.

...And He Is The Provider...

The needs of the disciples and the crowd was not a threat to Jesus

As disciples, we don't have what people need but pass on what the Lord has provided.

This Reminds Us

- Moses – **Exodus 16:15** When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."
- Elijah – **1 Kings 17:15** And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days.
- Elisha – **2 Kings 4:43-44** ⁴³ But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred men?" So he repeated, "Give them to the men, that they may eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" ⁴⁴ So he set it before them. And they ate and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

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...And His Resources Are Never Exhausted...

After meeting the need of the crowd, there were leftovers. This a physical illustration of a spiritual reality.

Our needs are legitimate. Our need for forgiveness or understanding or direction or wisdom or help or power or courage or fortitude or persistence or companionship or worth or values or insight. Jesus is the provider and His resources are never exhausted.

...And You Are Satisfied.!

To be satisfied means to be completed or fulfilled or our needs are abundantly met.

Most if not all complaints that Christians have about their life can be traced to that they are looking to the wrong things to satisfy themselves.

Looking to wrong sources for satisfaction: self-development, denominations, projects, causes, movements, churches, Christian organizations, career, marriages.

CONCLUSION:

Every Sermon Should Have Something To

- ❖ Know/Understand ... Jesus uses social situations, meals, dinners, etc... to make spiritual contributions to people.
- ❖ Believe ... When I follow Jesus, I am His guest and He is the provider and His resources are never exhausted and I am satisfied.
- ❖ Do ... Music encourages and affirms Truth. Have social events to meet and minister to those around us.

Suggested resource(s): "Margin" Book by Dr. Richard A. Swenson

"Entertaining for Eternity with Heavenly Hospitality" by Nan McCullough

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