

When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?”

Switch to John after 8 weeks of Mark.

Next 6 weeks have John’s version of events.

John goes to great lengths to teach about Jesus and God.

Last Sunday big chunk cut out—missing part that we hear today.

Fun fact—only miracle all 4 gospels report.

John is comparing Jesus to Moses.

Sunday School today = Jesus... John’s audience = Moses.

BUT Jesus is better than Moses--Jesus is literally GOD..

Similarities passage today/Story of Moses:

1. Both have a large crowd following them; like to go up to mountain tops alone; are bread-providing agents.
2. Both crowds follow because they have seen “signs”
3. Both go into the wilderness—a lot. (the other side of the Sea of Galilee = wilderness territory)
4. Both have people following them, even into the wilderness.

As great as Moses was—Jesus is better. Jesus is more.

1. Moses plagues—Jesus abundance and healing.
2. Moses genuinely asked God “where am I going to get enough meat for this people?” Jesus already knew where and how to make it happen.
3. Moses had to have God part the Red Sea so the Israelites could escape the Egyptians. Jesus just walks on the water.
4. Israelites couldn’t collect the manna—Jesus encourages them to take up all of the broken pieces and they collect 12 full baskets of left-overs.

John drives the point home—only in John’s gospel-- PASSOVER!

BIG PAUSE...

OK preacher-man. Big deal.

Go deeper--other characters in this passage:

- The Crowd/The Disciples...and what they want and do

CROWD

- start of the scene du jour: “A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick.”
- kept following him—b/c healing them, restoring them, lame dance
- When literally it WASN’T ENOUGH—he does another sign for them and feeds them...so much so that there are 12 baskets of leftovers.

REACTION

“When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.” When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king...”

DISCIPLES

- They get pragmatic--Philip sees the amount of people and the bread they DON’T have.
- Andrew takes an inventory.

Remember for John BELIEF in Jesus is the key to abundant life. They did not BELIEVE that God—Jesus—would provide in the face of 5,000 hungry faces.

Remember 3:16: “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone WHO BELIEVES IN HIM may not perish but may have eternal life.”

Both the crowd AND the disciples get it wrong—miss the point.

Move into how we see the world, with what intent and with what eyes.

Eyes of abundance vs. eyes of scarcity.

Get to how God acts in our world and with us.