



Trusting Jesus With The Impossible

John 6:1-15

One Couldn't Help But Ask

- In v-5 we read, "When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, "Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" V-6 informs us that He did this to prove Philip because He already knew what He would do. Q:- Is this asking when the answer is known something of importance to us?
- Philip & Andrew summarize the situation as best they can in vs7-9. The disciples, the little boy, the loaves and the fish are all insignificant for the task at hand. Q: What is the real task, how does the significance of these four participants change and how is that change brought about?
- Jesus goes about the feeding process in an unhurried orderly manner but wait, Q:- Where did the miraculous multiplication take place, In the original number of fish and loaves, in the breaking, in the distribution....? Does it make a difference?
- There are three different perspectives present in this story. The disciples see 5,000 people that must be fed food that they don't have and no means to get it. The little boy is possibly the only one who brought food and its presence brought up by Andrew. And then, there's Jesus' perspective. Q: Can you comment on what that might be and how the other's perspectives compare and are related to it?

The Take Aways

- "For five little cakes and two sprats Christ gave thanks to the Father; apparently a meagre cause for praise, but Jesus knew what he could make of them, and therefore gave thanks for what they would presently accomplish. 'God loves us,' says Augustine, 'for what we are becoming.' Christ gave thanks for these trifles because he saw whereunto they would grow." (Spurgeon)

- "Small things are not always contemptible. It all depends on the hands in which they are." (John Bernard Taylor (6 May 1929 - 1 June 2016) The insignificant participants in this miracle became something still being read 2000 years after the event, thanks to Jesus' use of them. It is more important that we make ourselves willing participants in God's plan than that we understand our role.
- Jesus may choose to delay the full magnificence of His work until He has our attention & participation. And in the end, we may still have no knowledge of how He accomplished the miracles we see, only that He did.
- Jesus knows what it is that we need and it's Him. His overwhelming love for us and His desire to have us as His own leads Him to unbounded understanding, mercy, grace and action to have us be part of His work to bring the Kingdom of God to earth.

An invitation to join us

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