

Insights from Luke

#30: "The Most Famous Picnic"

Luke 9:10-17



Luke 9:10-11

“¹⁰ When the apostles returned, they gave an account to Him of all that they had done. Taking them with Him, He withdrew by Himself to a city called Bethsaida. ¹¹ But the crowds were aware of this and followed Him; and welcoming them, He began speaking to them about the kingdom of God and curing those who had need of healing.”

Mark 6:33

“³³ The people saw them going, and many recognized them and ran there together on foot from all the cities, and got there ahead of them.”

Luke 9:12

“¹² Now the day was ending, and the twelve came and said to Him, ‘Send the crowd away, that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside and find lodging and get something to eat; for here we are in a desolate place.’”

Luke 9:13

“¹³ But He said to them, ‘You give them something to eat!’ And they said, ‘We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless perhaps we go and buy food for all these people.’”

Luke 9:14a

“^{14a} (For there were about five thousand men.) ...”

John 6:7

“⁷ Philip answered Him, ‘Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, for everyone to receive a little.’”

Luke 9:14-17

“¹⁴ (For there were about five thousand men.) And He said to His disciples, ‘Have them sit down to eat in groups of about fifty each.’ ¹⁵ They did so, and had them all sit down. ¹⁶ Then He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed them, and broke them, and kept giving them to the disciples to set before the people. ¹⁷ And they all ate and were satisfied; and the broken pieces which they had left over were picked up, twelve baskets full.”

“Blessed by you,
O Lord our God,
King of the World,
who causes bread to come forth
from the earth.”

**God brings us to maturity
by showing us
our inadequacies
and His sufficiency.**

He is greater than all from the past.

“Who is this man?”

Colossians 1:16-17

“¹⁶ For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things have been created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.”

Revelation 4:9-11

“⁹ And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying, ¹¹ ‘Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.’”

**Our utter sufficiency is
in Christ alone.**

**Always remember that
His power is made known
through our weakness.**

Never forget the post script to this story.

John 6:26

“²⁶ Jesus answered them and said,
‘Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek
Me, not because you saw signs, but
because you ate of the loaves and
were filled.’”

John 6:44

“⁴⁴ No one can come to Me unless the
Father who sent Me draws him; and I will
raise him up on the last day.”

John 6:65

“⁶⁵ And He was saying, ‘For this reason I
have said to you, that no one can come to
Me unless it has been granted him from
the Father.’”