

Jesus Among Us 3.0

John 6:1-14

Invitation...

- A life lived WITH Jesus (relationship)
- Becoming LIKE Jesus (transformation)
- REVEALING Jesus (extension of God)

John 6:1-3

After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is *the Sea* of Tiberias. ² Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased. ³ And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples.

John 6:4-6

⁴ Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. ⁵ Then Jesus lifted up *His* eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?” ⁶ But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do.

John 6:7-9

⁷ Philip answered Him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little.” ⁸ One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to Him “There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?”

John 6:10-11

**¹⁰ Then Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.”
Now there was much grass in the place. So the
men sat down, in number about five thousand.
¹¹ And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had
given thanks He distributed *them* to the
disciples, and the disciples to those sitting
down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they
wanted.**

John 6:12-13

¹² So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, “Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost.” ¹³ Therefore they gathered *them* up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten.

John 6:14

¹⁴ Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, “This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world.”

² Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased.

³ And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples.

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- **“Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?”⁶ But this He said to test him**
- Peirazo (test) - “to attempt, to try whether a thing can be done, to test for the purpose of ascertaining quality, what a person thinks, or how a person will behave himself (or respond).”

**Tests are a way of life
for a disciple of Jesus.**

- **⁶ But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do.**
- Eido (knew) - “to perceive with the eyes, to perceive with the senses, to notice, to discern, to discover, to see.”

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Jesus knows.

**When we understand Jesus knows
it changes how we respond
in following Him.**

- **⁷ Philip answered Him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little.”**
- arkeo - “to be possessed of unfailing strength, to be strong, to be enough, to be satisfied.” (NOT)
- Philip - this situation...as he looks around, he sees nothing that would sufficiently meet the situation.
- Truth - even though the situation looks “not sufficient” ... Jesus always fits the situation sufficiently.

Jesus is sufficient.

**For every situation in my life,
Jesus is enough...
more than enough**

- **⁸ One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, ⁹ "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?"**
- I can produce vs. what God can produce
- Every day we have a decision...to respond to a situation with what we can do...or to respond to a situation with what God can do.

My choice...
my way or Jesus' way...

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- **Obedience** as the people obeyed Jesus' words to sit down.
- **Thanksgiving** as Jesus took the “loaves” and gave thanks.
- **Releasing (giving)** as Jesus distributed to the disciples and the disciples distributed to the people.

- **¹⁰ Then Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.”**
- Where does our obedience come from?
- Does it come from the present word God is speaking to us?
- Jesus’ way begins with hearing God and obeying God...present tense.

- **¹¹ And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks**
- Jesus thanksgiving was directly tied to the loaves
- is our thanksgiving directly connected to our situation?
- Jesus' way - we see our situation and live out our situation from a place of thanksgiving.

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- Jesus distributed to the disciples
- disciples distributed to the people
- to themselves...there would have never been a multiplication.

**Jesus' way =
Present obedience+
thanksgiving tied to the situation+
releasing what Jesus gives me to others....**

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- **“Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost.”**
- **they had seen the sign**
- **“This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world.”**
- **TESTIMONY**
- **revelation of who Jesus is**

Testimony.

**Power of testimony releases
revelation of who Jesus is...**

- **Tests are a way of life for a disciple of Jesus.**
- **Jesus Knows. When we understand Jesus knows, it changes how we respond in following Him.**
- **Jesus is sufficient. For every situation in my life, Jesus is enough. More than enough.**
- **My choice...my way or Jesus' way.**
- **Jesus' way = Present obedience + thanksgiving tied to the situation + releasing what Jesus gives me to others.**
- **Testimony. Power of testimony releases revelation of who Jesus is.**