



Luke 9:10-17

“All Ate and were Satisfied”

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Consult the Scriptures:

Luke 9:10-17 (See also v. 7-9, 18-20)

(Other Scripture referenced: Dan. 3:16-18; Acts 4:19-20; 2 Tim. 1:12; Jn. 6:1-71, 19:10-11; Rom. 3:23-26; Mk. 6:30-34; 2 Kings 4:42-44)

Consult the Scholars:

John Stott—

“Some people become engrossed in the externals of religion. They come to church. They come to be baptized and confirmed. They come to a pastor to seek counsel. They come to the Bible and read it, together with other religious literature. But it is possible to engage in all these ‘comings’ without ever coming to Jesus Christ himself. I beg you not to stumble over the simplicity of Christ’s invitation.” (John Stott, *Why I Am a Christian* (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Books, 2003), p. 127.)

Alexander MacLaren—

“It is often our (God-given) duty to attempt tasks to which we are conspicuously inadequate, in the confidence that He who gives them has laid them on us to drive us to himself, and there to find sufficiency. The best preparation of his servants for their work in the world is the discovery that their own stores are small.” (Cited by R. Kent Hughes, *Preaching the Word: Luke* [Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2015], p. 340)

Discuss:

1. Nietzsche said, "He who has a good why to live for can bear almost any how."¹ What did he mean by that statement? Do you agree or disagree?
2. Why are you a Christian (or why are you not)?
3. Read the above quote by John Stott and discuss. What is Stott saying? Do you agree or disagree?
4. Who is Jesus (don't move past this question too quickly)?
5. In Luke chp. 9, the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand appears between Herod's question (see 9:7-9) and Peter's confession (see 9:18-20). What does that tell us about the story of this miracle? What is the story about?
6. Read Luke 9:10-17 and discuss. What stands out to you in this story?
7. Why did Jesus ask the disciples to do such a seemingly impossible thing? Have you ever been in a situation like this in your own spiritual journey? Read the above quote by MacLaren and discuss.
8. What challenged you most about this week's sermon? What new insights did you take away? What questions do you still have?

¹ John Stott, *Why I Am a Christian* (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Books, 2003), p. 104.