

The Gospel of John: Light in the Darkness

Feeding the Multitude

"After these things..."

- Structure of passage

John's Goal: Establish truth value of Miraculous Sign

Information Synoptics included that John left out:

- What happened between John 5 and now
- The reason for going to a secluded place
- Jesus' heart for the people following Him

Information John included that the Synoptics left out:

- Where the event took place
- When the event took place
- Test of faith
- Who brought the food in the first place

Feeding the multitude: a Lesson about Faith

- ++Even when evidence was there, Jesus continued to show Who He Is.
- Still provided despite the doubt of the disciples, and the misunderstanding of the crowd

The Response to Feeding the Multitude

- The crowd was ready to make Jesus their king

"He who is already King has come to open His kingdom to men; but in their blindness men try to force Him to be the kind of king they want; thus they fail to get the king they want, and also lose the kingdom He offers" – Leon Morris

Spiritual blindness due to obsession over physical needs and desires.

Questions to consider:

1. Do you have faith in Jesus beyond His ability to help with physical needs?
2. Do you have faith in the Person of Jesus Christ, not the promises of a great, easy life in His Name?