

THE GREATER EXODUS

JOHN 6:1-15

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Introduction

Amazed by the signs Jesus performed, a large crowd continues to follow Jesus. Questions are swirling about this Rabbi from Nazareth. The signs draw the people, but they miss the spiritual reality they point to—Jesus is the Christ who gives eternal life to those who believe. Jesus makes his way to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, and the crowds continue to follow. Many of these pilgrims are probably making their way to Jerusalem for the feast.

The feeding of the five thousand is one of two signs recorded in all of the gospels. The Passover was at hand, but Jesus came to accomplish THE GREATER EXODUS. Jesus redeems his people, conquers our enemies, covers us with his blood so God's holy wrath will pass over, and then leads us through the wilderness of this broken world as we make our way toward the hope of what's to come.

Outline

Jesus is always on time and in the right place (v. 1).

Jesus will always have fans, and some people will follow him because of what he can do instead of for who he is (v. 2).

God's testing is for our benefit, but the devil's tempting is for our destruction (v. 6).

What you have is not as important as your willingness to give (v. 9).

Where you look impacts what you expect (v. 11).

Jesus' supply is always greater than your need (v. 11).

Jesus did not come to impress you; he came to transform you (v. 14).

You don't make Jesus King; you surrender to his reign (v. 15).

Application

Are you following Jesus for who he is or what he provides?

Where do you doubt Good's provision in your life?

Is Jesus your King?

Questions

1. What are ways that people follow Jesus for the wrong reasons?
2. Why does God test us? (James 1:2-4)
3. Share an area where you struggle to give God everything.
4. How does where we look for provision impact the way we see our situation?
5. Describe a time when God did so much more than just meet a need in your life.
6. What do people still miss about Jesus and his Gospel?
7. How would you explain the way Jesus leads and feeds us today?