

The Prophet like Moses is Here!

John 6:1-15

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I know God, but I don't always trust Him.

The Treasure is in the Details. v. 1-3

Why do we have so many geographical details and time notations in the Bible?

Our faith is based on truth. These things happened in real time.

Truth spawns faith and faith spawns feelings. The order is important.

Why were the crowds following Him?

The Synoptic Gospels give more of the context: Healings, missions trip, death, and going viral!

What is sign faith? Is it saving faith? (John 6:66)

Why Does John Mention the Passover was at Hand? v. 4

One like Moses is here. You can see some of the parallels in Numbers 11.

Putting the Pieces Together, v. 5-9

Why does Jesus test Phillip? Numbers 11:13; Psalm 78:17-20

Jesus gives our faith friction, to strengthen our faith muscles.

What response does Jesus receive from His disciples?

The boy with his lunch. (2 Kings 4:42-44)

He is Jehovah-Jireh, the Lord will provide. We know it, *but do we believe it?*

It is about the character of God. He never changes.

Theological milk in the fridge.

The Understated Miracle. v. 10-13

'Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks.'

What did Jesus pray? Is this about the Lord's Supper?

Who is Jesus? v. 14-15

Jesus is The Prophet like Moses, v. 14

Jesus was more!

The clash between the church of power and the church of piety.

Jesus will not follow you.

But you can follow Jesus.

Meditation

When therefore the people saw the sign which He had performed, they said, "This is of a truth the Prophet who is to come into the world." Jesus therefore perceiving that they were intending to come and take Him by force, to make Him king, withdrew again to the mountain by Himself alone. (John 6:14-15).

Upon seeing the miracle of the multiplied bread and fish, the reaction of the people is to recognize Jesus as "the Prophet." This is a reference to the Old Testament prophecy in Deuteronomy 18:15 that promised the coming of a prophet who would be like Moses. These Jews come to the conclusion that Jesus is the fulfillment of that prophecy. Were they right? Yes, they were. Jesus is indeed the second Moses who brought, not the law, but grace and truth to men.

In light of that fact, it is quite startling to read of the reaction of Jesus to the thoughts and intents of the crowd. He departed. He left the area. He withdrew from the multitude.

Why is this? You would have thought that He would take this opportunity to lead this new group of converts into His teachings, helping them to grow in their understanding of His kingdom. Instead, He leaves. Why does He leave them?

It is because they are not willing to accept Him on His terms. They want to follow a Messiah who will be a conquering king and who can give them free food on demand. When He tells them that He is the bread of life and that they must come to Him to be forgiven, they will leave.

Jesus does not allow people to accept Him on their own terms. You cannot think of Jesus in the comfortable way in which you would like and then expect Him to fit into your own privately conceived mold. You must accept Him as He is.

.John Stevenson