



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Matthew 15:29-37

At that time:

Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee,
went up on the mountain, and sat down there.

Great crowds came to him,
having with them the lame, the blind, the deformed, the mute,
and many others.

They placed them at his feet, and he cured them.

The crowds were amazed when they saw the mute speaking,
the deformed made whole,
the lame walking,
and the blind able to see,
and they glorified the God of Israel.

Jesus summoned his disciples and said,
“My heart is moved with pity for the crowd,
for they have been with me now for three days
and have nothing to eat.

I do not want to send them away hungry,
for fear they may collapse on the way.”

The disciples said to him,
“Where could we ever get enough bread in this deserted place
to satisfy such a crowd?”

Jesus said to them, “How many loaves do you have?”

“Seven,” they replied, “and a few fish.”

He ordered the crowd to sit down on the ground.

Then he took the seven loaves and the fish,

gave thanks, broke the loaves,
and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.
They all ate and were satisfied.
They picked up the fragments left over—seven baskets full.

Our Scripture Reflection

For Matthew, the mountaintop is THE place of revelation, as it was when Jesus went there with His apostles to give them the beatitudes (Chapter 5). The revelation we see in our Gospel passage is:

1. Jesus as healer
2. Jesus as the One who feeds and nourishes
3. Jesus as the One Who empowers others to feed/serve

All of the actions of Jesus are not only meant to be learned by His followers, but they must also be put into practice by each of us....THAT'S the BIG revelation!

Food for your Journey

“Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.”
St. Teresa of Avila

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Make me an instrument of Your love and peace. Where there is need or hurt, give me the Grace to provide and help bring healing. As I live Your example, may people come to know Your love. Amen