

That nothing may be lost

Text: John 6:1-14

Verse 12: "...so that nothing is lost"

There are 3 things in this passage that we need to make sure are not lost:

1. Who Jesus is

The real Jesus, the supernatural Jesus can't be lost to this generation.

Signs lead people to Jesus:

V.2 *"a great multitude followed Him because they saw the signs which He performed on the diseased"*

The road to Jesus is made clear when people see the signs.

Acts 2:22 - *"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, **wonders, and signs** which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know*

Signs point to the authentic Jesus.

V.14 – *Then those men when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, "this is truly the Prophet who is to come to the world"*

Daniel 4:3 - *3 How great are His signs, and how mighty His wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and His dominion is from generation to generation.*

We want Jesus, the supernatural Jesus, not to be lost to our generation.

2. What Jesus does

What Jesus does can't be lost our generation. They need to hear about His ability and His power.

V. 5-8 *5 Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" 6 But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do. 7 Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little."*

Jesus asked Philip if he knew what to do in that situation. It was a test. If so, how much could he do? Philip said that even 9 month's salary worth of bread would be *not sufficient* and it was *a little*.

We would love to think that in ourselves we have the answer to every situation and we have what it takes but the reality is that we don't!

Jesus always knows what to do and He has what it takes to make it happen.

“*not sufficient*” and “*a little*” describe our ability. However, not Jesus’:

v.11 – *they ate as much as they wanted*

v.12 – *they were filled*

Those two verses stand in contrast with ‘*not sufficient*’ and ‘*a little*’.

Not only that, but 12 baskets were collected with what remained. Jesus does not operate at a level of ‘not sufficient’ or ‘a little’, not even ‘just enough’ but more than enough! He is El-Shadday.

V.12 - ¹² *So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, “Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost.”*

The word ‘remain’ in the Greek, is the word *perisseu* which means superabound, to have in excess, to greatly surpass.

What a testament to the affluence of the Giver and the generosity of God!

The revelation of what Jesus can do, can’t be lost to this generation!

- In **Luke 5:6** he didn’t just provide the disciples with enough fish: the nets were breaking!
- In **Luke 6:38** ³⁸ *Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom*
- **Psalms 23:5** says that He doesn’t just fill our cup: it runs over!
- In **Malachi 3:10** it doesn’t say that He will supply our needs when we tithe. No - it says that He opens the windows of heaven in such a way that there will be no room big enough for the blessing He will pour out.
- In **Proverbs 3:9-10** it says that “*your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine*”
- In **2 Kings 4:42-43**, we read that Elisha fed 100 men with 20 loaves and bread and there was still left overs

Ephesians 3:20-21 ²⁰ *Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, ²¹ to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

3. What Jesus wants

Verses 12-13 ¹² *So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, “Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost.” ¹³ Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten.*

Jesus wants nothing to be lost!

Unlike the manna in the desert that was only good for that day, this was bread good enough to be taken away, for the next day and the day after and for other people who had not been at that meeting. So, they gathered, they counted, they stored the leftovers.

We are to be stewards of the great things of God. He wants nothing to be lost. These stories cannot be lost. There are people beyond these walls and even generations to come for whom these stories cannot be lost. There are people even here today for whom this story applies and they need an encounter with the power of Jesus!

Jesus wants *nothing* to be lost because He wants *no one* to be lost!

V.39: *This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day.*

Conclusion

I would like to conclude with two thoughts:

V.32-35 - *32 Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34 Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this bread always." 35 And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.*

"I am the Bread of Life" – the first of 7 ‘I am’s of Jesus in the gospel of John.

1. The miracle of the bread was simply another sign pointing to Jesus. It is a very important miracle because it defines Jesus. He is the precious Bread of Life, not to be wasted or left in the field but treasured, gathered up to be given to others.

There is power in that Bread: The Canaanite woman asked for a crumb of this bread and her daughter was delivered and healed.

2. Jesus invited everyone to come to Him and eat of the Bread that He is. How’s your appetite for Jesus? We can have as much as we want and there will still be more of Him for us.

There were 12 baskets, one for each of the 12 disciples. There is a basket for you today.

Eat until you’re full!