



Feeding of 4,000 has 3 important lessons to teach us about finding satisfaction in Jesus the Bread of Life.

V1 During those days another large crowd gathered. Since they had nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples to him and said, 2 “I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. 3 If I send them home hungry, they will collapse on the way, because some of them have come a long distance.”

- ❖ We must bring our hunger to Jesus.
We tend to take our hunger to other places.

Jim Carrey. – “I think everyone should get rich and famous and do everything they ever dreamed of so they can see its not the answer.”

John 6:35 Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

THE CROSS.

When he had taken the seven loaves and given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people, and they did so.

11 The Pharisees came and began to question Jesus. To test him, they asked him for a sign from heaven. 12 He sighed deeply and said, “Why does this generation ask for a sign? Truly I tell you, no sign will be given to it.”

- Test. Not sincere curiosity.
- Test is same word used of Satan in Mark 1:13.
- A proof that circumvents faith.

2. Proof without faith is impossible.

1 Cor 1:22 Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified.

“Will we turn our backs on science because it is perceived as a threat to God, abandoning all the promise of advancing our understanding of nature and applying that to the alleviation of suffering and the betterment of humankind? Alternatively, will we turn our backs on faith, concluding that science has rendered the spiritual life no longer necessary, and that traditional religious symbols can now be replaced by engravings of the double helix on our alters? Francis Collins, The Language of God.

14 The disciples had forgotten to bring bread, except for one loaf they had with them in the boat. 15 “Be careful,” Jesus warned them. “Watch out for the yeast of the Pharisees and that of Herod.”

What does Jesus mean by yeast?? Pharisees & Herod.

17 Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked them: “Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not see or understand? Are your hearts hardened?

The disciples aren’t getting it either!?

The disciples are anxious about lack of bread, but Jesus is anxious about their lack of faith. — James Edwards.

3. We are not always going to understand.

I find comfort in the disciples not getting it!

Reliability of the Gospel... Doesn't make the disciples look good.

Even when we don't understand... we hold on.

Trust Jesus to make it clear in his time.

GOD proved his love on the Cross. When Christ hung and bled and died it was God saying to the world, 'I love you'. Billy Graham.