

Jesus and The TABLE

The Table of Provision

(Luke 9:10-17)

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Have you ever experienced the feeling of not having enough? Enough time, enough money, enough energy to make through the day?

Exploring The Text

The backdrop of our scene of our text is a question. **Who is Jesus?**

Luke 9:7-9 NIV

"Now Herod the tetrarch heard about all that was going on. And he was perplexed because some were saying that John had been raised from the dead, others that Elijah had appeared, and still others that one of the prophets of long ago had come back to life. But Herod said, 'I beheaded John. Who, then, is this I hear such things about?' And he tried to see him."



An Impossible Gap

Luke 9:12 NIV

"Late in the afternoon the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the crowd away so they can go to the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging, because we are in a remote place here.'"

Luke 9:13 NIV

"... 'You give them something to eat.' They answered, 'We have only five loaves of bread and two fish—unless we go and buy food for all this crowd.'"

The Wilderness and the People of God

The wilderness is a significant scene in the story of Scripture.

Israel wandered in the wilderness for forty years as they learned to trust. In an environment of scarcity, they learned that God provides. (see **Exodus 16**)

Jesus feeding the five thousand is no accident. It's a story familiar to the people of God, a story that reflects back on God's faithfulness.

At The Table

Luke 9:16 NIV

"Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people."

Who Is Jesus?

Herod asked, "**Who, then, is this I hear such things about?**" (**Lk. 9:9**). Luke uses this moment to draw out the answer that runs throughout his gospel account: Who is Jesus?

Crossing The Context

Generosity and provision are found in the

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