

St. Anne's Bible Study Thursday 7/22/21 8 AM & 6:30 PM via Zoom 9 Pentecost

Opening Prayer/Collect of the Day for Sunday 7/25/21: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

I Miracle (“sign” of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes): 6:1-15

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, ‘Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?’ ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, ‘Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.’ ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹‘There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?’ ¹⁰Jesus said, ‘Make the people sit down.’ Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, ‘Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.’ ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, ‘This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.’

¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

II Jesus comes to disciples walking on the water: 6:16-21

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, ‘It is I; do not be afraid.’ ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

III Crowd comes to Capernaum searing for Jesus (6:22-25)

IV Dialogue between crowd and Jesus (6:26-34)

V Bread of Life Discourse “Believing” Part 1 (6:35-50)

Upcoming sequences

VI Bread of Life Discourse “Eating” Part 2 (6:51-58)

VII The Words of Eternal Life: Discussion with Disciples (6:60-65)

VIII The Words of Eternal Life: Discussion with the Twelve (6:66-71)

Teaching: Multiplication of the Loaves & Fishes: intro

VV 1-4

Context Passover Signs (healing)

Significance of “signs” in the Gospel of John How many signs?

VV 5-9 Philip & Andrew, a boy

VV 10-11 “please be seated” spiritual law of abundance
VV 12-13 12 baskets gathered up (fragments) foreshadow of HE

VV 14-15 misunderstanding of the sign Who is this Jesus?

VV 16-21 Walking on the Sea

It is I; do not be afraid Ego eimi theophany

Mysterium tremendum Mysterium fascinosum

I am in the Hebrew Scriptures: Exodus 3:14 cf also Isaiah 43:25; 51:12

John 1:12 *But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God.* Importance of having this desire. Dry land at last!

Questions? Comments?

Reflection: 4 Senses of Scripture

From Psalm 114, verse 1 (Dante’s reflection on verse 1 of this psalm)

When Israel came out of Egypt

Literal or historical: refers to the Exodus (the people leaving Egypt)

Allegorical (or typological, stands for something more): signifies how Christ frees us from sin and death

Tropological (or moral/spiritual) it describes the conversion of the soul from its bondage to sin/death to new freedom in Christ

Anagogical/Mystical (Webster: the interpretation of a word, passage, or text as of Scripture or poetry that finds beyond the literal, allegorical, and moral senses a fourth and ultimate spiritual or mystical sense)

it has to do with that ultimate glorious moment when we enter into the Promised Land of Eternal Life.

John 6:1-15

Literal or historical:

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Tropological (or moral/spiritual)

Anagogical/Mystical:

John 6:16-21

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Anagogical/Mystical: