

Sharing with Jesus



JESUS SAID
COME
FOLLOW **ME**

Matt. 15:29-39



Matthew 15:

29 Departing from there, Jesus went along by the Sea of Galilee, and having gone up on the mountain, He was sitting there. 30 And large crowds came to Him, bringing with them those who were lame, crippled, blind, mute, and many others, and they laid them down at His feet; and He healed them. 31 So the crowd marveled as they saw the mute speaking, the crippled restored, and the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel. 32 And



Matthew 15:

Jesus called His disciples to Him, and said, "I feel compassion for the people, because they have remained with Me now three days and have nothing to eat; and I do not want to send them away hungry, for they might faint on the way." 33 The disciples *said to Him, "Where would we get so many loaves in [this] desolate place to satisfy such a large crowd?" 34 And Jesus *said to them, "How



Matthew 15:

many loaves do you have?" And they said, "Seven, and a few small fish." 35 And He directed the people to sit down on the ground; 36 and He took the seven loaves and the fish; and giving thanks, He broke them and started giving them to the disciples, and the disciples [gave them] to the people. 37 And they all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up what was left over of the broken pieces, seven large baskets full. 38 And those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children.



Another chance....

- Jesus NEVER gives up...
 - Back to the shores of the Galilee
 - Up to a mountain and sits... Teacher
 - And who comes...? The 'best'...
 - "lame, crippled, blind, mute..."
 - "...and many others..."

Jesus' call

- Is all about where we are...
 - Jesus finds us in our need, He LOOKS!!!
 - laid at His feet
 - And He *therapeuo*....
- How much time, energy and effort
- What were the apostles doing???

They 'marveled'

- What a 'wonder' Jesus is!
 - People saw what He was doing...
 - And the effects! Wholeness in the needy
- Glorified the God of Israel?
 - Response is good- Focus on Messiah
 - Should be the end of the story...

“I have compassion”

- “moved in the bowels”
- What has He been doing???
- All the people, the ones who brought
- 3 days of work...
- “nothing to eat... the might faint”
- “*said... Where would we...”

“so many loaves’

- How many.....
 - Why would Jesus ask this?
 - He made fish and wine...
 - We are invited to be share!
 - Start with what you have... Abraham, Moses, Elijah, Ruth, David, Esther, Daniel



Jesus acts

- Sit down...
- Usually in small groups – 50's
- Give thanks – *eucharisteo*
- Give to the disciples, they serve...
 - Making it a family meal

Healed and Filled

- Satisfied after 3 days fasting?
- Pick up the leftovers...
 - So much more in Christ!
 - Share along the way...
- 4,000 men + women and children

