

“THE GREAT DIVIDE” (Pt. 1)

JOHN 6:1-14

This is the event everyone’s talking about. Of the nearly forty recorded miracles in the four gospels accounts, this one is the only miracle that all four gospel writers report on. Truly, everyone’s talking about this one incredible act which impacts thousands — actually five thousand!

THE NEED FOR THE GOSPEL

A. Our Insufficiency

① H _____ Perspective (6:2)

Though our _____ are God-given, the danger comes when you live by what you only humanly see, smell, taste, touch and hear.

Why trust God, why believe God, why wait on God, when you can cling to the circumstances around you or the people beside you?

Living entirely _____ will shipwreck you vertically. If what’s in front of you dominates, then faith won’t be exercised.

② H _____ Attitude (6:4)

It unfolds in the first chapter when darkness rejects the light (1:5,11).

This _____ only continues in 3:19-20.

This hostile attitude _____ Jesus from attending the Passover and reveals the Jews’ extreme distaste for Him.

This world shall perish in their hostility toward God as they stand _____ under His wrath upon them (Ephesians 2:3).

③ H _____ Resource (6:7,9)

Like Philip, what we have at our human disposal is far less than _____.

Our resources simply lack when it comes to the matters that truly matter.

Andrew did not believe for one moment that something miraculous was about to transpire from such seemingly inadequate supplies.

Loaves of barley were considered an _____ bread.

CONCLUSION

Here in John 6 we encounter quite the quandary: A huge need mixed with a lack of human resources to accomplish it. Could the insufficiency of man be any clearer?

Yet in this darkest hour, the narrative subtly announces, in quiet and hush tones, that something significant, actually miraculous, is about to happen.

Our insufficiency only opens the door for His sufficiency, for Him to do what we cannot.