

Reflections on John 6

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Gospel Reading - John 6: 1-15

"After this, Jesus went across the sea of Galilee of Tiberias. A large crowd followed him because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain and there, he sat down with his disciples. The Jewish feast of Passover was near. When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" He said this to test him because he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, '200 days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?. Jesus said, 'Have the people recline.' Now there was a great deal of grass in that place, so the men reclined, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and distributed them to those who were reclining. Also, as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, 'Gather the fragments left over so that nothing will be wasted.' So they collected them and filled 12 wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat. When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, 'This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world.' Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain alone."

Reflection Questions:

1. How do the disciples respond to the impossible task of feeding the crowd? How does Jesus respond?
2. What motivated Andrew to bring the boy to Jesus?
3. Where have you witnessed an overabundance of God's generosity in your life? In another's life?
4. What are the loaves & fishes in your life that God may be asking you to offer to Him?
5. What specific need of your heart might you offer to Christ in your next reception of the Eucharist?

***My God and Savior
Jesus Christ,
true God and true Man,
I firmly believe that you
are really and bodily
present in the Blessed
Sacrament of the Altar.
From the depths of my heart,
I adore You.***

How does this Scripture passage affirm my belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist?