



Sunday, May 10, 2009: John's Gospel: The Fourth Sign

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Scripture: John 5:39 - 6:15

Sermon Notes:

1. Jesus is the new Moses: He liberates from harsh bondage and brings into the promise land.
2. Typology is a dominant pattern by which we interpret the Bible.
3. The feeding of the five thousand was a historical event, not a myth. We can see this in the way the narrative is written: it includes specific details such as the location and the time period.
4. John 6:2. With women and children included, the crowd probably numbered about 20,000.
5. John 6:5-9. Jesus asks Philip where they can buy bread for the multitude. Peter brings forward a lad with 5 barley loaves and two fish. Barley was a wild grain which the poor used to make bread because they could not afford cultivated wheat.
6. John 6:11-13. Jesus offers thanks for the bread and fish and the disciples distribute the meal. Twelve baskets of fragments are gathered up afterwards.
7. The twelve baskets represents the twelve tribes of Israel.

Application Questions:

1. What does it mean to call a biblical person a 'type' of Christ? How is Moses a type of Christ?
2. How can we defend the narrative of the Gospel against those who claim that it is a myth and not a testimony of historical events? What characteristics distinguish a historical narrative from a book of myth?
3. Do I believe in my *faith*, instead of the *person* of Jesus? Do I believe in the *name* of Jesus as opposed to the *person* of Jesus?