



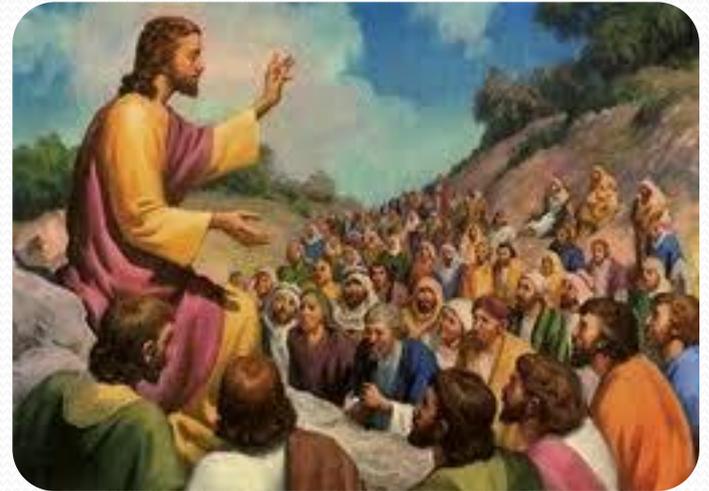
“But when the multitudes knew it, they followed Him; and He received them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who had need of healing.”

-Luke 9:11

**What does the Lord Christ
want to teach the multitude?**

1. He is always ready to receive them

- “Then He took them and went aside privately into a deserted place...” (Lk. 9:10)
- “Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's well-being.” (1 Cor. 10:24)
- “Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.” (Col. 3:19)



2. True nourishment comes to those who follow Him to the “deserted place”

- “Then He took them and went aside privately into a deserted place...” (Lk. 9:10)
- “...He received them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who had need of healing.” (Lk. 9:11)
- “Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased. And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples.” (Jn. 6:2-3)
- “Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone.” (Jn. 6:15)

3. Not all those who were sick were healed

“When man begins to listen, he feels hungry; the disciples perceived this hunger but do not fulfill it – it is Christ who satisfies him.”

– St. Ambrose

4. The food that the Lord Christ provides is strong enough to support us throughout our journey

- “And the angel of the Lord came back the second time, and touched him, and said, “Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for you.” So he arose, and ate and drank; and **he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights** as far as Horeb, the mountain of God.”
(1 King 19:7-8)
- Therefore the Lord will give you meat, and you shall eat. **You shall eat... for a whole month, until it comes out of your nostrils and becomes loathsome to you, because you have despised the Lord who is among you...”
(Num. 11:18-20)**

4. The food that the Lord Christ provides is strong enough to support us throughout our journey

- God's open buffet
 - His Word
 - “How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.” (Ps. 119:9)
 - The Eucharist
 - “Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.” (Jn. 6:54)
 - Sharing
 - But He said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.” Therefore the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?” Jesus said to them, “**My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.**” (Jn. 4:32-34)

5. Hospitality receives rich recompense

- “Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.” (Heb. 13:2)
- “But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just.” (Lk. 14:13-14)

