

FAITHFULNESS OF CHRIST

Intro. Only miracle in all 4. Jn most detail.

X's provision for people.

I. Faithful in Teaching. Faithfulness of Master, 1-4.

A. He was weary.

1. Mentally bec of news of death of Jn Baptist, Mt 14.
2. Physically bec of busy schedule of teaching, Mk 6:30. Needed rest. Crowds pressing Him. 1 year before death. Didn't go to Passover this time bec of crowds.
3. Spiritually bec of opposition of Jews. Sought place of rest e. Galilee. About 10 miles by land and people could beat them if wind against them. Deserted, no food. Lk 9:12.

B. He was willing.

In spite of weariness, not impatient. 2 Tim 2.
Based on compassion of people without shepherd.
Not number but need. Not naked savage. This is true basis for service.

C. He was working. No good to be willing if don't work.

1. In teaching people. Lk 9. Eph 4 teach and preach.
2. In tending to people. Healed, Lk. Personal ministry with teaching. Don't be like one who is so imp't that he's giving Xn public a break X helped without being asked.

II. Faithful in Training. Folly of Men, 5-9.

A. The Inquiry of the Lord, 5-6. Evidently this was asked at beginning of day and disc had pondered all day. Break of whole day is bet 6,7. Purpose was to perazzo disc.

B. The Ignorance of the Leaders, 7-9.

1. Reason for it. Had discussed all day, Lk 9:13.
 - a. Looked at circumstances. \$35, 200 days wages. 8 measures of wheat of 1 penny. 1600 qts of wheat. 500 pennies large debt, Lk 7:41.
 - b. Lacked faith. Not knowledge for had seen wine at Cana and Philip was of Bethsaida, 14:1 and X wanted to see if he would rely on his knowledge of the community's resources.
2. Results of it.
 - a. Impotence. Only a little, 7.
 - b. Infection, 8-9. Andrew not to be praised here He was infected by unbelief of others. Boy's gift said reported sarcastically.

III. Faithfulness in Tending. Filling of Multitude, 19-14.

A. The supply, 9. Loaves flat cakes. Barley food of poor.

Little fish (only here and ch 21). Small things.

B. Seating, 10.

1. Disciples obeyed even tho lacked faith.

2. Orderliness on part of X. 1 Cor 14:33. 5000 men.

Mk uses word meaning garden plot. When seated they

looked like little plots. 50 in company and 100

companies, Lk 9:14. We can plan too in Lord's work.

C. Secret, Lk 9:16. Blessed. Increase took place with the use, Heb 5:14.

D. Serving, 11. From X thru disciples to people. Eph 4:11. Had to go to people.

E. Satisfying, 11, 12. Authenticity of miracle attested to by 5000 + full stomachs.

F. Sufficiency. All filled and leftovers not wasted.

Disciples prob hadn't eaten till afterward. Where's

X's basket. Disc evidently shared their's with Him.

He used human means and yet He did what we can't do.

Concl. Christ wants to teach us along these lines.

In teaching be persistent as He was.

In training be patient as He is with us.

In tending be powerful as He is.