

Sermon Notes Sunday 29th March

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- What do you think was the significance of mentioning ‘the Passover was near’?

All the gospel writers include this miracle in their accounts (Matthew 14:13, Mark 6:30, Luke 9:10) and they mention the place where they landed as being, ‘a solitary place, a remote place’. The circumstances of our lives today can deplete our emotional tank of well-being.

- In what ways might you feel you are in a spiritual or emotional wilderness?

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- Where do you think he is if you are feeling in a ‘remote place’?

Philip and Andrew both saw the same reality – thousands of hungry people but their mindset was very different. Philip was mathematically calculating the cost of feeding so many people, Andrew found a boy with his packed lunch.

- How does our mindset affect the way we see things?
- What does Paul teach about exercising control over our thoughts (Col 3:2, Romans 12:2, 2 Corinthians 10:5) and how might this be particularly applicable in this current crisis?

Jesus knew what he was going to do. Read John 6:32-36, 51 and share on the deeper significance of his provision.

- What does the conclusion of this event suggest about the generosity of God?
- How does being reminded of God’s love, provision and generosity encourage you at this time?

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