

Luke 9:7-27 (The Feeding of the Five Thousand/The Meaning of Jesus' Kingship)

I. Jesus' Identity

- Both Herod and the crowds share the same questions about Jesus' identity. Is Jesus John the Baptist, Elijah, or a resurrected prophet?
- Herod the tetrarch heard about what was happening, and he was perplexed... who is this about whom I hear such things? (At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you (Luke 13:31)."
- And "When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign (Luke 23:8)."
- Who do the crowds say that I am? But who do you say that I am?
- Peter answered, "The Christ of God."

II. Feeding the Five Thousand

Ezekiel 34:11-16 **11** For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. **12** As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. **13** I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and *I will feed them* on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. **14** *I will feed them* with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and *they shall feed* on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. **15** I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. **(SEE ALSO PSALM 23)** **16** I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

III. Eucharistic Connections?

	Lk 9:16	Matt. 26:26	Luke 22:19	Mark 14:22	1 Cor. 11:23-24
Taking	And taking the five loaves and the two fish	While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread	Then he took a loaf of bread	While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread	For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread
Blessing	He looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them	and after blessing it	and when he had given thanks	and after blessing it	and when he had given thanks
Breaking	Then he broke the loaves	he broke it	he broke it	he broke it	he broke it
Giving	And gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd	gave it to the disciples	and gave it to them	gave it to them	

“A banquet with loaves and fishes became a standard representation of the eucharist in early catacomb art.” Raymond Brown

IV. The meaning of Jesus’ messianic identity and Luke’s dramatic shift to Jerusalem and the cross

- Unlike Matthew and Mark, Peter does not resist Jesus’ turn to Jerusalem, and is not rebuked.