

WITH JESUS IN THE DESOLATE PLACE

One of the goals in preaching is to demonstrate **THE RELEVANCE** of the **TEXT UNDER CONSIDERATION**.

To be sure, every word of Scripture is in some way **RELEVANT** to the people of God in every age.

Paul says to Timothy: All Scripture is breathed out by God and **PROFITABLE**.
Beneficial. Useful. Helpful.

EVERY text in this Bible is somehow beneficial **TO YOU RIGHT NOW** in the **WORLD IN WHICH YOU LIVE**.

WHY? BECAUSE THE BIBLE IS BREATHED OUT BY GOD.

The **BIBLE** is a supernatural text exhibiting the very qualities of our **TRIUNE GOD**.
And only God can write a text that is **UNIVERSALLY HELPFUL FOR MEN IN EVERY AGE**.

So the problem with **RELEVANCE—WHAT USE IS THIS TEXT FOR ME**--is never a problem bound up in the **NATURE OF SCRIPTURE**.

Rather, beloved, any problem with Relevance—a failure to see what use this text is **FOR ME**—is a problem found **IN US**.

Therefore the task of preaching seeks **TO SHOW HOW THIS TEXT IS OBJECTIVELY RELEVANT FOR US IN OUR DAY**.

That's why John Stott calls preaching the task of building a bridge between two
Worlds.

The World of Scripture.
And our **WORLD**.

Many times I preach, the task of **SHOWING YOU** the relevance of the text proves to be very, very challenging.

But not today.

Consider what difficulties that the people in this **TEXT** are facing.

They are people facing **Danger and Vulnerable**.

Jesus looks at the crowd and sees that their lives are
in danger from attack and that they have no protection.

They are a people with **INCREASED PHYSICAL NEED**. The crowds grow hungry.

They are a people who are confronted with FOOD SHORTAGE—

There are 5,000 hungry men, and what is on hand to meet their need? 5 loaves and 2 fish. It's like a famine.

And they are a people who face UNCERTAINTY and Unanswered questions.
HOW CAN SO LITTLE FEED SO MANY?

The text simply calls the dire troubling they face—**THE DESOLATE PLACE.**
What is **THE DESOLATE PLACE?**

It's a place where--

YOUR PREVAILING NEED FAR SURPASSES YOUR ABILITY TO PRODUCE SATISFACTION.

HOW IS THIS TEXT RELEVANT TO YOU?

THE LORD JESUS IN HIS SOVEREIGN WISDOM HAS LED US AS A SOCIETY INTO THE DESOLATE PLACE.

We find ourselves in A place of danger and vulnerability.

Here we have a virus that is highly contagious and that kills people. No vaccine. No treatment.

And we face **INCREASED PHYSICAL NEED.**

People are losing jobs.

Income levels are decreasing.

Businesses closing.

We face shortage of supplies.

Have you been to the grocery store lately?

Danielle took me last week and the bread aisle was empty.

The bread aisle was a desert.

It was a **DESOLATE PLACE.**

We are in a place of uncertainty.

Chief among the question we are asking--how long will this last?

I'm sure you have an opinion on what we are really facing.

Whatever your opinion of the news reporting.

The government's actions. The nature of the virus.

Whatever your assessment, this one thing is **UNDENIABLE.**

Jesus Christ has led **OUR SOCIETY INTO A desolate place.**

We face NEED, WANT, DEPRIVATION THAT WAS UNTHINKABLE JUST TWO WEEKS AGO.

We face Vulnerability and danger.

Increased Need

Shortage of BREAD (and toilet paper)

Uncertainty and unanswered questions.

This is a REALITY in our world, isn't it?

It's undeniable.

People are losing money. Cancelling weddings. Firing employees. Going out of business.

How is this TEXT relevant to you?

We are now by the sovereign wisdom of Christ in the desolate place.

A place where

our prevailing need far surpasses our ability to produce satisfaction.

THE RELEVANCE OF THIS TEXT DOES NOT TERMINATE ON THE DIRE SITUATION.

WHY? BECAUSE JESUS IS WITH THEM IN THE DESOLATE PLACE.

And the central QUESTION Mark has been answering: WHO IS THIS JESUS, REALLY?

The first half of Mark is a path up a mountain.

The peak?

Chapter 8 when Jesus asks his disciples, WHO DO PEOPLE SAY THAT I AM?

And Peter says, YOU ARE THE CHRIST!!

LEADING UP TO THAT MOMENT IN THIS GOSPEL ACCOUNT, ARE STORIES THAT BUILD UPON THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION:

Who is Jesus really?

Now, we see this question collide with THE DESOLATE PLACE.

The DESOLATE PLACE is an OCCASION TO REVEAL WHO JESUS IS.

The DESOLATE PLACE IS LIKE a spotlight REVEALING more about Jesus Christ than what you could otherwise see.

I WANT TO SHOW YOU ONE TRUTH ABOUT JESUS CHRIST in THE DESOLATE PLACE.

IT'S A TRUTH YOU OUGHT TO EMBRACE EVERY DAY.
IT'S A TRUTH THAT OUGHT TO GIVE YOU COURAGE.
IT'S A TRUTH THAT OUGHT TO GIVE YOU HOPE AND JOY.
IT'S A TRUTH THAT OUGHT TO MAKE YOU LOOK DIFFERENT THAN A WORLD
IN PANIC.

HERE'S THE TRUTH--

WHEN YOU ARE IN A DESOLATE PLACE, JESUS HOSTS A BANQUET.

SO LET'S SEE THIS TRUTH ABOUT JESUS UNFOLD--

30-34 (summary) the apostles return from their mission.

- They've spent days, maybe weeks preaching and performing miracles.
- And they begin telling Jesus about their experience.
- And as they are doing this, many people COME TO THEM...for more ministry.
 - They want teaching.
 - They want healing.
 - Apparently their services are in HIGH DEMAND.
 - And their needs are so demanding, that they don't even have time TO EAT..

Jesus recognizes their exhaustion.

And he takes action.

31-And Jesus said to them, 'Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest awhile.' FOR many were coming and going and they had no leisure even to eat.

Jesus ends their ministry for the day.

And he take his disciples away for a private retreat.

Notice his location of choice: Come away to A DESOLATE PLACE.

A DESOLATE PLACE.

Literally, A WILDERNESS.

It's a REMOTE LOCATION—FAR AWAY FROM THE INTERRUPTIONS OF CIVILIZED LIFE.

No GAMES. No Internet. No evening news.

ONLY JESUS.

JESUS IS SAYING TO THESE MEN:

WHEN YOU ARE WEARY. YOU NEED ME.

Come away and find rest IN ME.

Jesus takes them into the boat to get away from the crowds.

33 the crowds recognize that it is Jesus and the disciples who are going to the wilderness.

- News spreads fast.
- People know his reputation as a miracle worker.
- So a massive crowd from the surrounding villages gather in the wilderness.
- 44 tells us that this group is made up of 5,000 men.
- These march like an army to meet Jesus in the WILDERNESS.
- IN FACT, THERE ARE MILITARY undertones to this entire scene.
- Many think that these men were Zealots.
 - a REVOLUTIONARY movement eager for Messiah to come as a MILITARY RULER to OVERTHROW ROME.
- They view Jesus as a MILITARY KING.
- Likely, they are marching out to crown their king to declare war on Rome.

NOW when Jesus steps off the boat he lifts up his eyes and sees this MASS of humanity gathered in the wilderness.

And the SIGHT OF THESE PEOPLE does not incite MILITARY AMBITION in the soul of Jesus.

Instead, he feels INTENSE COMPASSION for them.

34 When he went ashore he saw a great crowd and he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd.

THIS WORD COMPASSION, HERE, REFERS TO THE INTENSE EXPERIENCE OF PITY, COMPASSION, SYMPATHY IN THE SIGHT OF NEED.

- The word in the ancient literature LITERALLY REFERS TO THE bowels.
- The guts.
- Jesus is experiencing a GUT-WRENCHING EMOTION for these people.
- He's experiencing what we might call TENDER MERCY for them.

Why does Jesus EXPERIENCE TENDER MERCY for these men?

- Maybe they're hungry.
 - No 35 says they don't get hungry until the hour grows late.
- Maybe they're poor.
 - No 36 assumes the crowd has money of their own to buy food.

WHY THE COMPASSION ON THIS CROWD?

34 BECAUSE THEY WERE LIKE SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD.

WHEN JESUS MET THEM, HE SEES A FLOCK OF SHEEP OUT IN THE WILD WITH NO SHEPHERD.

- Sheep are **DEFENSELESS** in the face of **ATTACK**.
- They cannot withstand the onslaught of wild beasts.
- This is like when we say, “They were sitting ducks.”
- These people are vulnerable to **DESTRUCTION**.
- And they have no shepherd to **FIGHT FOR THEM**. Defend them. Protect them.

What is Jesus getting at here? What does this image really mean?

- Well, **SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD** is **AN OT IMAGE**.
- It describes **ISRAEL** with no Godly **KING**.
- And with no Godly king, Israel was trapped in **THE MISERY OF THEIR SIN**.
- **AND THEY NEEDED A KING TO LEAD THEM BACK TO GOD**.

A GREAT EXAMPLE OF THIS IS FOUND IN THE BOOK OF JUDGES.

- Remember the **MORAL CONDITION OF GOD’S PEOPLE?**
- **EVERYONE DID WHAT WAS RIGHT IN HIS OWN EYES.**
 - **WHY?**
 - **THERE WAS NO KING IN ISRAEL.**
 - They were like sheep without a Shepherd.
- So these people **FOLLOWED THE IDOLATRY** of the surrounding nations.
- This idolatry led to **MISERY**.
- **AND IN THEIR MISERY, ISRAEL THEY CRIED OUT TO GOD.**
- **WHAT WAS GOD’S RESPONSE?**
 - **TENDER MERCY.**
- **JUDGES 2:18, AND the Lord was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who afflicted and oppressed them.**

JESUS HAS COMPASSION ON the SPIRITUAL CONDITION of these people.

- The **MISERY OF SIN AND REBELLION AGAINST GOD**.
- And the **HELPLESNESS THEY FACE**.
- They **CAN’T FIND THEIR WAY BACK TO GOD**.
- **AND THEIR CONDITION STIRS UP THE TENDER MERCY OF JESUS.**

App—**IF YOU ARE CAUGHT IN SIN**, do you see what Jesus **FEELS** about your miserable condition?

He has **DEEP COMPASSION. TENDER MERCY** toward you.
If you leave your sin and come to Jesus, you will find a **SAVIOR FULL OF MERCY, READY TO FORGIVE YOU.**
If you're caught in sin, don't **STAY AWAY** from Jesus. Leave your sin and Come to Jesus.

NOTICE HOW JESUS LEADS THEM TO GOD.

34 AND HE HAD COMPASSION ON THEM BECAUSE THEY WERE LIKE SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD. AND HE BEGAN TO TEACH THEM MANY THINGS.

Notice the connection between COMPASSION and ACTION.

Jesus feels **TENDER MERCY** for their **MISERY.**
HOW DOES HE TAKE ACTION?
HE TEACHES THEM HIS WORD.

JESUS KNOWS THEIR FUNDAMENTAL NEED IS NOT POLITICAL IN NATURE.

- **IT'S NOT PHYSICAL IN NATURE.**
- **THEIR FUNDAMENTAL NEED IS SPIRITUAL.**
- **SO THEY NEED SPIRITUAL FOOD. THE WORD OF CHRIST.**

DO YOU UNDERSTAND BELOVED YOU MOST BASIC FUNDAMENTAL NEED IS FOR A KING WHO TEACHES YOU THE WORD.

APP. The greatest threat you face during this Corona season is not physical.
It is spiritual.

Your greatest threat is to **STRAY FROM THE LIVING GOD.**

Harden your heart against him.

To grow **ANXIOUS** over **MONEY.**

Become **DISSAPOINTED** and bitter towards God when he disrupts your plans.

YOU MIGHT SAY, "You're overreacting. We're all overreacting. This is not a big deal."

But beloved, People are facing **LOSS.** Disappoint. All around us.

One of our dear friends was in love with a guy for like 4 years.

They had to overcome really difficult circumstances to get married.

Finally, they set a wedding date. Booked a venue. Planned the reception.

ALL GONE.

Cancelled.

Their wedding was reduced to a couple family members and a **VIDEO**

CONFERENCE ALL.

AND BELOVED, THE LORD KNOWS THIS.

And he has TENDER MERCY UPON YOU.

And his WAY OF KEEPING YOU? GUIDING YOU? BUILDING YOU?
THE TEACHING!!

Your need for the WORD is more fundamental than your need for FOOD.

ILL. WORD OVER FOOD was characteristic of Jesus's ministry.

Mark 3:20, Jesus taught the WORD and there was such a GREAT CROWD THAT
NOBODY COULD EAT.

WORD OVER FOOD.

Matthew 4 Jesus is tempted by Satan to turn rocks into bread.

And he says, "Man does not live on bread alone but by every WORD that
comes from the mouth of God."

WORD OVER FOOD.

John 6, some disciples are ready to leave Jesus.

His response? "The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life."

Word over FOOD.

FRIENDS—YOUR GREATEST NEED IN THE DESOLATE PLACE IS NOT FOOD. IT'S
THE WORD. WORD OVER FOOD.

**WHEN YOU ARE IN A DESOLATE PLACE, JESUS HOSTS A BANQUET.
IT'S A BANQUET OF THE WORD.**

BELOVED, IN THIS SEASON FEAST ON THE WORD OF CHRIST.

CLING TO THE WORD.

MEMORIZE THE WORD.

MEDITATE ON THE WORD.

STUDY THE WORD.

READ THE WORD MORE THAN YOU READ THE NEWS.

WORD OVER FOOD.

**LIKE ANY GOOD TEACHER, JESUS the crowds for A LONG TIME.
And his long-winded teaching creates a PHYSICAL PROBLEM.**

35 And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, 'This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.'

**THE disciples recognize a PROBLEM BREWING HERE.
The crowd is hungry.**

35-their concern develops WHEN IT GREW LATE.

This reference to the DINNER TIME.

IT'S THE HOUR FOR THE THIRD MEAL OF THE DAY.

In those days, the THIRD MEAL of the day was customarily the LARGEST MEAL.

So this large crowd to everyone's acknowledgement is HUNGRY by now.

That's the basic PROBLEM.

BUT this problem is heightened to CODE RED STATUS two reasons.

First THE DISCIPLES SAY "This is a DESOLATE PLACE."

- **The wilderness is far away from civilization.**
- **The DESOLATE PLACE IS A REMOTE PLACE.**
- **There are NO SOURCES OF FOOD HERE.**
 - **THE MARKETS ARE FAR AWAY IN TOWN.**
 - **And they're living in a time without DELIVERY.**
 - **NO Dominoes' pizza.**
 - **There are no DRONES that can drop EMERGENCY SUPPLIES.**
- **They are in a PLACE WITH NO FOOD SOURCE.**

Second—they say—the hour is late.

- **So time is becoming a factor.**
- **Remember this crowd comes from ALL THE SURROUNDING VILLAGES.**
- **Some of them from far away from home.**
- **So, if the hour grows too late, the markets and inns will all be SHUT DOWN.**
- **They'll be stranded without food.**

**THE DISCIPLES ARE SAYING—THE PLACE YOU BROUGHT US IN A PROBLEM.
HERE THER IS NO FOOD SOURCE.
HERE THERE IS ONLY NEED.
EMPTINESS. DEPRIVATION. WANT.**

THE PANTRY IS EMPTY.

THE BREAD AISLES ARE BARE.
THERE'S NOT SUSTANANCE HERE.

BUT JESUS SAYS THEY ARE WRONG.

37 BUT he said to them YOU GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO EAT.

Jesus issues a command here.
A very strong command. YOU FEED THEM.

Now remember there is a crowd of 5,000 men who need to be fed.
And these disciple are thinking that Jesus is lacking something in his brain.
JESUS—YOU'RE GREAT AT THEOLOGY.
BUT YOU MUST HAVE SKIPPED MATH CLASS.

SO THEY RESPOND SARCASTICALLY:

37 AND THEY SAID TO HIM, 'SHALL WE GO AND BUY TWO HUNDRED DENARII (that is one year of wages) WORTH OF BREAD AND GIVE IT TO THEM TO EAT?'

This is somewhat humorous.
Jesus-you can't be serious.
Shall we take a year's salary (that nobody has) and go into town. BUY truck load of bread. And take numerous trips to carry it back here.
THEY'RE MOCKING JESUS.

WHY?
BECAUSE JESUS HAS COMMANDED THEM TO DO THE ABUSRD. THE IMPOSSIBLE.

But Jesus INSISTS.

38 He tells them to go and count their food supply. And they come back and report: we have 5 LOAVES of bread and 2 fish."

- 1 loaf of bread is probably a nice afternoon snack.
- These provisions MIGHT FEED one young hungry, exhausted young man. Maybe.

NOT 5,000 men.
The disciples have 1, 5000th of what they need.
And Jesus tells them—FEED THE THOUSANDS.

THIS IS THE DESOLATE PLACE, BELOVED.

THE PREVAILING NEED FAR SURPASSES THEIR ABILITY TO PRODUCE SATISFACTION.

Why has Jesus put them into the desolate place?
Because JESUS IS ABOUT TO HOST A BANQUET.
WHAT KIND OF KING DO YOU HAVE?

WHEN YOU ARE IN A DESOLATE PLACE, JESUS HOSTS A BANQUET.

First, JESUS invites the dinner guests.

39-40 So he makes THE CROWD sit down for the FEAST on the GREEN GRASS.

- This word sit down is actually “To Recline at Table.”
- Jesus is saying—LIE DOWN on GREEN PASTURES.
- Mark has written this account to echo Psalm 23.
- In the desolate place who is Jesus/
 - The Good shepherd.
 - I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures.
 - He leads me beside still waters.
 - He restores my soul.

AND THEN JESUS BRINGS THE MEAL.

41 AND TAKING THE FIVE LOAVES AND THE TWO FISH HE LOOKED UP TO HEAVEN AND SAID A BLESSING AND BROKE THE LOAVES AND GAVE THEM TO THE DISCIPLES TO SET BEFORE THE PEOPLE. And he divided the two fish among them all. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve basets full of broken pieces and of the fish. And those who ate the loaves were 5,000 men.

**IN THE DESOLATE PLACE JESUS HOSTS A BANQUET.
THE PREVAILING NEED FAR SURPASSES THEIR ABILITY TO PRODUCE SATISFACTION.**

Jesus produces the SATISFACTION.

And there are leftover.

**These men EAT TO THE FULL and there IS ABUNDANT LEFTOVER.
THEY ALL ATE AND WERE SATISFIED.**

HE TURNED A CRUMB INTO AN ABUNDANT, SATISFYIGN FEAST.

Now do you see why Jesus commanded his disciples to PERFORM THE IMPOSSIBLE?

2 Reasons.

1. Jesus is teaching his Disciples their need for his DIVINE POWER.

IN LIGHT OF CHRIST'S DIVINE POWER, The IMPOSIBLE COMMAND "YOU FEED THEM" takes on a whole new meaning.

**He did not mean, feed them with THE INADQUATE PROVISIONS you have.
He MEANT—**

**GIVE ME YOUR INADEQUATE PROVISIONS.
I'LL MULTIPLY Them by my DIVINE POWER.
THEN AND ONLY THEN IT WILL BE SUITABLE TO FEED THOUSANDS.**

IN OTHER WORDS—In other words, THE SUCCESS OF YOUR SERVICE DEPENDS ON MY DIVINE POWER.

- You don't have what it takes to do what I command.
- But I CAN GENERATE BREAD.
- So offer me your crumbs and I'll produce a FEAST.

THIS IS TRAINING FOR THE DISCIPLES.

- When Jesus leaves, they will be commanded to DISCIPLE THE NATIONS.
- How?.
- LIKE THIS.
- DEPEND UPON MY POWER.
- GIVE ME WHAT LITTLE YOU HAVE. AND I'LL SATISFY THE NATIONS.

THE DISCIPLES MUST PERFORM THEIR MISSION IN DEPENDENCE UPON THE POWER OF JESUS CHRIST.

AND WE MUST DEPEND ON THE POWER OF JESUS CHRIST IN OUR SERVICE TO HIM.

Beloved, THE DESOLATE PLACE IF ANYTHING TEACHES US ONE THING.

- WE ARE WEAK, INADEQUATE, UNABLE TO SERVE JESUS CHRIST IN our own POWER.
- WE ARE Like a BRANCH that needs the vine to bear fruit, YOU NEED THE POWER OF CHRIST TO SERVE HIM.
- If you serve Christ out of your own power, you'll meet the needs of one young man.
- But you can obey the impossible command of Jesus Christ IF YOU DEPEND ON HIS POWER.

I don't know what this looks like for you IN OUR DESOLATE PLACE.

- Maybe it's in your parenting.
- Or in your call to provide for your family.
- Maybe it's in WITNESS to your neighbors.
- OR IN serving the church.

**IN ALL CHRIST COMMANDS YOU TO DO, THE QUESTION IS THIS--
WHOSE POWER ARE YOU RELYING UPON IN YOUR SERVICE TO JESUS CHRIST?
The point is this—WHATEVER CHRIST HAS COMMANDED YOU TO DO, DO IT THIS
WAY—BY DEPENDING ON THE POWER OF JESUS CHRIST.**

That's how we must serve him.

As Peter WHO WITNESSED THIS MIRACLE, says in his letter:

**WHOEVER SERVES, LET HIM SERVE BY THE STRENGTH THAT GOD
SUPPLIES.**

**OR PAUL: I will boast all the more gladly in my weakness so that THE POWER OF
CHRIST MY REST UPON ME.**

You say—but we are STILL IN THE DESOLATE PLACE.

How can I stay SATISFIED? FULL? FEASTING?

2ND REASON JESUS COMMANDS HIS DISCIPLES TO DO THE IMPOSSIBLE.

Jesus is revealing himself as

THE KING WHO SATISFIES IN THE DESOLATE PLACE.

DID YOU NOTICE THAT MARK IS CONTRASTING TWO BANQUETS?

HE'S CONTRASTING 2 KINGS.

**Jesus has compassion on the crowd because THEY DO NOT HAVE A GODLY KING.
THEY HAVE NO KING TO LEAD THEM TO GOD.**

WHO IS THEIR UNGODLY KING? KING HEROD.

A KING WHO WE JUST READ HOSTS HIS OWN BANQUET.

**His banquet is not hosted in the desolate place. But in a palace. The house of
Royals. Luxury. The richest food. The best wine.**

**His guest list? MEN OF POWER AND Wealth. The Impressive people of the
world.**

Hollywood actors. Professional athletes. Governors.

And—what banquet did he serve up?

DEATH.

**When Herod's ego was on the line, he beheaded John.
He placed it on a banquet platter for all to see.**

BUT JESUS IS A BETTER KING WHO HOSTS A BETTER BANQUET.

**The environment? The DESOLATE PLACE. A place of NEED. A place of want.
The guest list? NEEDED SHEEP who cannot help themselves.
It was a BANQUET of a SATISFYING WORD.
And was a banquet created by DIVINE POWER to SATISFY ALL.**

How? How'd he do it?

**He took bread. Broke bread. And gave it for all to eat and be satisfied.
THE ONLY WAY Christ will host a banquet in the desolate place is by BREAKING
BREAD.**

BELOVED THIS IS A FORESHADOWING OF THE CROSS.

**AND THE BANQUET JESUS CHRIST will host in the KINGDOM OF GOD.
JESUS CHRIST BROKE THE BREAD OF HIS BODY TO GIVE YOU LIFE.
See you should be BROKEN FOR YOUR SIN.
But in his grace, Jesus offers his BROKEN BODY IN YOUR PLACE.
AND HE RISES TO HOST THE ULTIMATE BANQUET.
A FEAST FOR YOU IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD.**

**BELOVED, THIS IS YOUR KING IN THE DESOLATE PLACE.
THE ONLY SATISFACTION YOU WILL FIND HERE IS THE LIVING BREAD. JESUS
CHRIST BROKEN FOR YOU.
NOW RISEN.**

NOW SAYING—ARE YOU HUNGRY?

**Come to my cross.
See my PROVISION for you on the cross.
See my CARE for you.
COME AND EAT.**

Jesus is a BETTER KING, ISN'T HE?

**HEROD kills to serve HIS SATISFACTION.
CHRIST DIES TO SERVE YOUR SATISFACTION.**

**Beloved, NOTHING CAN SATISFY YOU IN THIS TIME.
IN THIS DAY BUT JESUS CHRIST.**

**JESUS ALONE SATISFIES YOUR SOUL.
HE IS LIVIGN BREAD.**

**HOW CAN YOU BE IN JESUS CHRIST WHEN spreads a banquet for you?
SATISFY YOURSELF IN HIS GRACIOUS CROSS EVERY DAY.**

**LOOK THERE.
THINK THERE.
REJOICE THERE.**

WHAT IS THE BANQUET THAT JESUS OFFERS US IN THE DESOLATE PLACE?

**Not food.
Not money.
Not comfort.**

HIMSELF.

**We are in a desolate place.
What should you do?**

BE SATISFIED IN JESUS CHRIST.

**CONSUME HIS TEACHING.
DEPEND ON HIS POWER AS YOU SERVICE.
FEAST ON HIS CROSS**

**AND WHEN YOU DO, YOU WILL FIND WHEN YOUR PROVISIONS ARE INADEQUATE,
CHRIST IS SUFFICIENT.**

YOU will be able SAY, "I HAVE NO LACK BECAUSE I HAVE JESUS."

**WHEN YOU ARE IN A DESOLATE PLACE, JESUS HOSTS A BANQUET.
AND that banquet is JESUS HIMSELF.**