

**Focus:** Jesus feeds us in the Eucharist

**1. Review:**

- a. Lent: Created, Captured, Rescued
- b. Easter: Response
  - i. Surrender to Jesus, the Light of the World, as he leads you out of darkness into light.
    1. John 12:46 → *"I have come as light into the world, that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness."*
    2. Repent! Save yourself from this crooked generation.

**2. Back to the cave, the darkness:**

- a. He stands in front of you, tells you to follow him, and starts walking.
- b. He's your only hope. Without him, there is no getting out of the darkness.
- c. Remember why things became so drastic: hunger and thirst.
  - i. As you follow him, you think to ask, "Do you have anything to eat, anything to drink?"
    1. If he gives you anything, what is the response to that?
      - a. "Thank you!"
- d. Summary: You were lost, left for dead; he came to you to rescue you and feed you.
  - i. What is he worth to you? He has to be worth everything. You had no life without him.

**3. Jesus is the Way to the Father (John 14:6) and he provides Food along the way.**

- a. What is your response? Surrender, Repentance, and Thanksgiving.
- b. What is the food? The Eucharist.
- c. What is the Eucharist?
  - i. His own Body and Blood. His Soul and Divinity.
  - ii. "Eucharistia" → Thanksgiving.
    1. The Eucharist is both the food and the "thank you"! Incredible!
    2. What is that worth to you? Worship = worth-ship
      - a. Is it not worth everything? Does it not stand above all else?
  - iii. At the Passover in Exodus 12, they were to do two things:
    1. Eat the flesh of the Passover lamb and sprinkle the blood on their doorpost
    2. *"This day shall be a memorial day"*
  - iv. The Last Supper was a Passover meal. No lamb is mentioned in the Gospel account.
    1. John 1:29 → *"Behold the Lamb of God."*
    2. Last Supper: *"This is my body ... This cup is the new covenant in my blood."*
      - a. *"Do this in memory of me."* Anamnesis. The past becomes present.
    3. **We believe:** The bread and the wine are entirely changed into the real Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus. This is not merely a symbol or representation.

**4. How do we thank him enough?**

- a. Receive the food that he gives. That food is Thanksgiving, the Eucharist.
- b. This flows out of a relationship that is surrendered to Jesus.
  - i. I surrender to him, give him authority over my life.
  - ii. He tells me to repent, to turn from the darkness and toward him.
  - iii. Then he feeds me with his own Body and Blood.

**5. More on this next week, especially looking at John 6. It will be helpful to bring your Bible.**

**Reflection Questions and Homework:**

1. Have you surrendered your life to Jesus and his Church yet?
2. Does anything keep you from believing this?

**3. Read: John 6**