

“There is one thing I ask of the Lord, to live in the house of the Lord.” This is today’s response in the responsorial Psalm for today.

Over the past week, Jesus has been telling us about himself and his relationship with his Father. Today he is revealing himself, as he so often did and does, through his actions. This is where the Psalm has its relevance. Jesus continually reveals himself through his words and actions and provides for our needs. But do we notice?

The large crowd in the Gospel, impressed by the signs Jesus gave by curing the sick, were hungry. So now Jesus would go further. He took five barley loaves and two fish and fed them all. There were even twelve basketfuls filled with what was left over! SEEING this sign, the people said, “This really is the prophet that is come into the world.” Even the disciples of Jesus did not recognise the ‘full’ significance of this, and other signs, at the time. It was not until after Jesus rose from the dead that they came to fully understand, with the help of the Holy Spirit. Then their whole mission was to share it with others.

When we reflect on God’s Word and strive to live in his presence (his house) we can come to understand more fully too.