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John 21:9-14

“Let’s Eat”



9 When they landed, they saw a fire there,
with fish on it, and some bread.

10 Jesus said to them,

“Bring some of the fish that you’ve just caught.”



Jesus brought people to experiences
that touched multiple senses.

Jesus brought God into the common settings and persons.

Jesus shows that we are not humans having a God Experience.

Rather, that in some Mysterious way we are God
having a Human Experience.

The Mystery of the Kingdom of God is not in the
words of Christ, but in the life of Christ lived in/through us.



¹² Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.”
None of the disciples could bring themselves to ask him,
“Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord.

¹³ Jesus came, took the bread, and gave it to them.
He did the same with the fish.

¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples
after he was raised from the dead.

**They knew
and
wondered
at the
same time.**



It is in our “wonder” that we will find our Faith.
Rarely, does certainty of correct beliefs
require Faith.

It is in sitting at the unexplainable table of Grace that
we find God in our midst.

Rarely, do we see God in legalistic routine.



Jesus:
"Friend of Sinners"

The Bread and Wine
of the Holy Communion
are not a prize for the righteous
or a reward for good behavior.

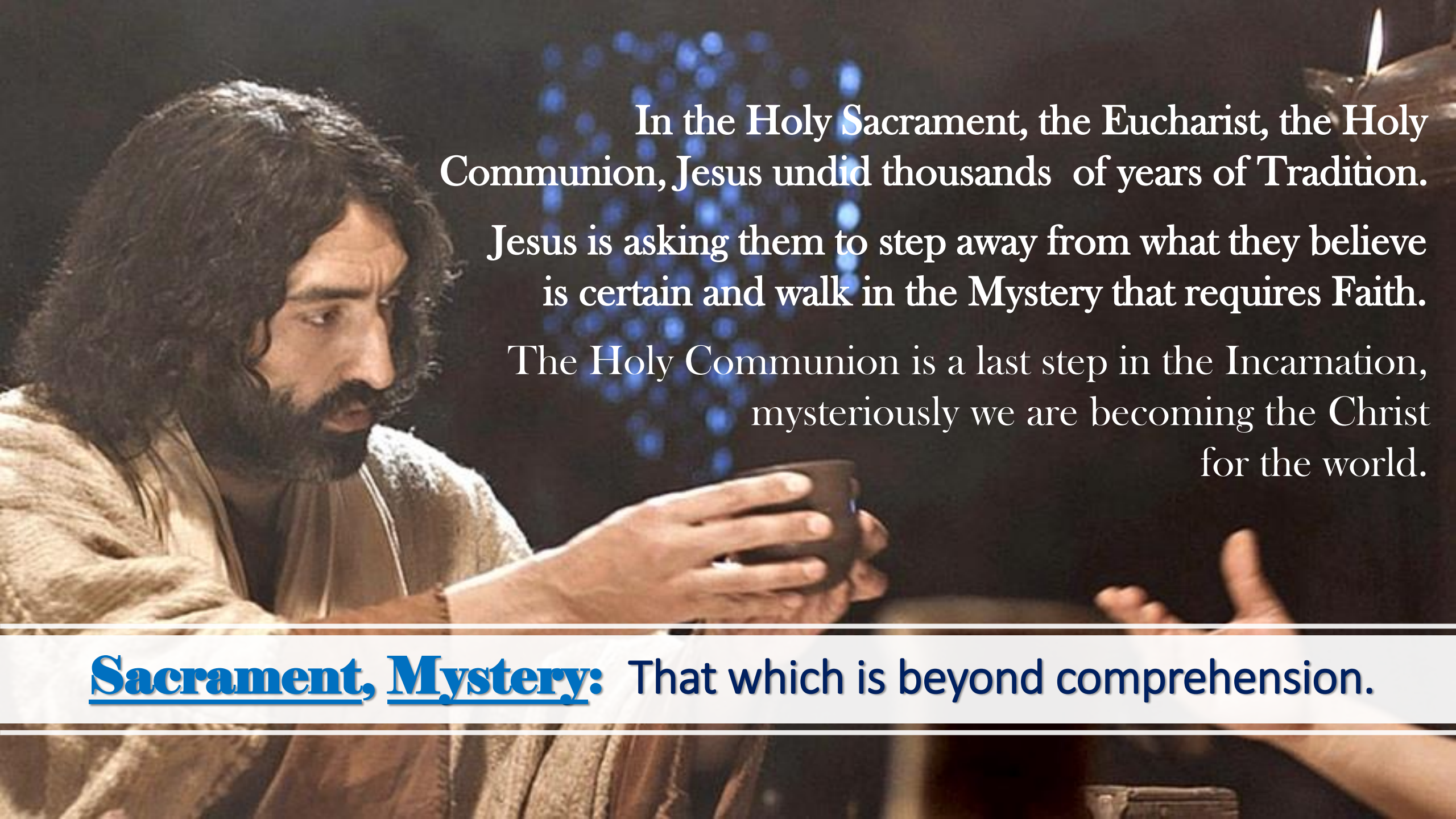
Rather they are food
for the human journey
and medicine for the sick.

We come forward not because we are worthy
but because we are all wounded
and somehow unworthy.

One wonders how we are so successful
at missing the point.
God gives us our worthiness.

"I did not come for the healthy, but for the sick"

– Jesus the Christ.



In the Holy Sacrament, the Eucharist, the Holy Communion, Jesus undid thousands of years of Tradition.

Jesus is asking them to step away from what they believe is certain and walk in the Mystery that requires Faith.

The Holy Communion is a last step in the Incarnation, mysteriously we are becoming the Christ for the world.

Sacrament, Mystery: That which is beyond comprehension.



Jesus, the Christ brings everyone to the table, washes feet
and eats with betrayers, prideful, judgmental, thieves,
EVERYONE.

This has perplexed the church for centuries.
Surely, Jesus, God incarnate didn't mean
EVERYONE.

Our need for certainty leads us to a list,
Jesus, the Christ says to trust
and implement my behavior.

**“We were created to be expressions
of the goodness and wholeness of God.”**

-- [Erwin McManus](#)

“Do this when you remember me.”

or

“When you remember me do this.”

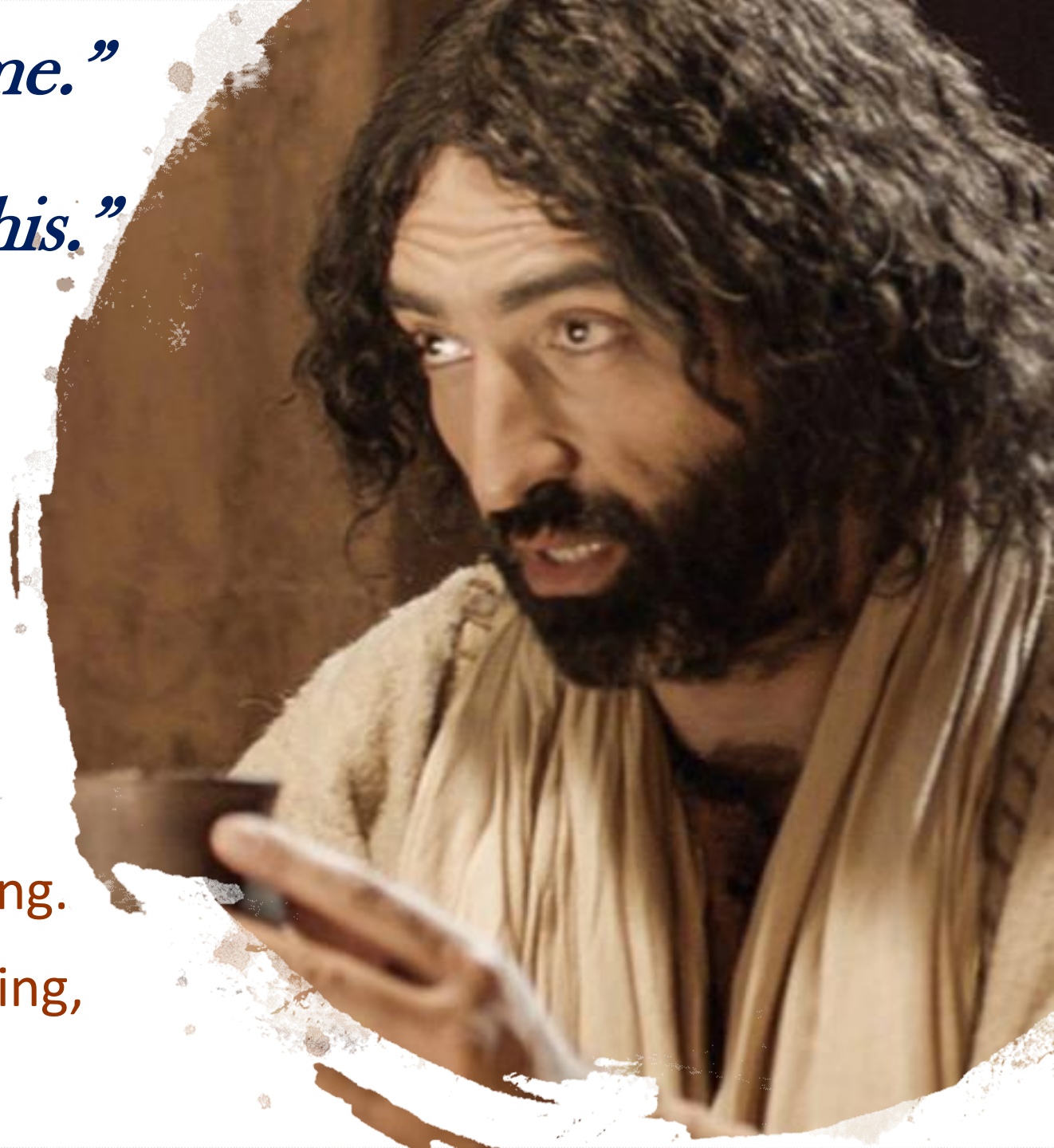
Do what?

The act, the behavior, the attitude,
the accepting, the trusting, etc.

Could the Sacrament be more than
just the act?

The Sacrament is an experience
before it is an act of simply remembering.

The Mystery is that God is acting, offering,
closing in, and touching us.





**Come
and
eat!**

**Feed
My
Lambs!**

This is my Body, broken for you....

Join the betrayer, prideful, arrogant,
impulsive, & doubters.

Experience the Grace of God looking
into your eyes & loving you.

Rise with Peace & Go be the Christ
to others.

*“Why blame the dark for being dark?
It is far more helpful to ask why the light
isn’t as bright as it could be.”*

— Rob Bell