



A True Miracle

So many are hungry in today's world. Hungry for food, hungry for love and meaning. The Gospel tells us that Jesus was hungry too. (Lk 4:1-13). The devil showed up then, as he does with us, when he thinks we are at our lowest point. He said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." It would be an easy fix. Haven't we addressed Jesus in similar terms? "Why don't you fix this problem in my life? You are God. You can do it." We may also know someone who has shunned in their life because he seemed not to have responded to their prayers.

Jesus' answer to the devil may sound too spiritual at times, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'" When some kind of hunger presses on us, we just want a miracle. After all, didn't he multiply bread and fish for the hungry multitude? (see Mt 14:13-21). But here is the difference: Jesus doesn't like easy fixes. He is willing to do any miracle we

need, but we need to give him what we have. We are the five loaves and two fish. Are we willing to put ourselves in his hands to be broken and given away to others? This is our way into the Pascal mystery, the best program for Lent, a true miracle.