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Brothers, Christ came down to redeem all people, everywhere. In our Gospel today, we see Christ enter into a desolate place, where the crowds followed him. He felt a great compassion for them and healed their sick. Last week we spoke of the love Christ has for mankind, and that this love contributed to his need to come down and redeem man. This is clear in today's reading.

This world is a desolate place when compared to the perfection of the Pleroma. Christ has come down to heal our soul of the sickness which hampers its ascent. His words are our food. Like the bread and fish of our Gospel reading, they feed the many with plenty more to go around. This we know by the numerical references made within our reading. Twelve baskets of food remained when Christ and the disciples had finished "feeding" the people. This is indicative of the cosmos, the zodiac, the twelve months of the year. When you partner this with the number five-thousand, which theosophically reduces to five, the number of man, it couldn't be more clear.

The words Christ spoke was for everyone in the world. They are meant to be the great unifying principle behind which people of the world could gather, the catalyst for the Spirit inherent in man to awaken, and join.

This scene is also similar to that of the last supper, which means we see a Eucharistic reference here. Again, this indicates to us that the Mass is meant for everyone. Now I'm not just speaking of the bread and wine here, and the blessings thereof, but of the words used, the prayers made, the blessings given and received.

So as we meditate on today's readings, let us remember that the words we use, read, and hear today, are meant to feed our souls, uniting us, one to another, so we may all join Christ in the Pleroma, leaving this desolate place behind.