

Homily  
4-16-2002  
Tuesday of the Third Week of Easter  
Acts 7:51-8:1/John 6:30-35

In Acts we have St. Stephen's conclusion to his wonderful discourse on salvation history, the history from Abraham to Jesus. It shows the divergence of the two Jewish groups: the Sanhedrin and the Jews who have accepted Jesus as the Messiah.

The infuriation is consistent with the passions of a family dispute.

Here St. Stephen affirms the Living God...see Jesus...and follows his path of offered love, suffering, forgiveness and passing on.

In John, we have just had the feeding of the 5000 with 5 loaves and 2 fish. The witnessed a miracle....and so????? Is this a David Copperfield thing?

They confused the manna in the desert with something Moses did. Jesus assured them it was all about what God does for them. Jesus explains what they really had experienced in the feeding. What they really have for nourishment. It is the great climax of faith:

“I am the bread of life:  
whoever come to me will never hunger,  
and whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

Jesus offered fulfillment  
Stephen passed on being fulfilled.  
Where do you find your nourishment?