

## John 6

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- I. 6:1-14 Feeding the Five Thousand
  - A. 6:5-6 Jesus asked a leading question. He often tests us by allowing us to see the insufficiency of our own resources.
  - B. 6:14 *The Prophet* would be the prophet that Moses foretold in Deu 18:15-19. As it happens they were right. Jesus is this “prophet”, the Messiah, but they misunderstood His ministry. Notice how they respond in the next verse 6:15.
- II. 6:15-21 Crossing the Sea, Walking on Water
  - A. 6:20 We often become afraid when Jesus is doing something supernatural, because we don't immediately see that it is Jesus.
- III. 6:22-40 The Work of God
  - A. 6:26 These people didn't grasp the significance of the miracle. They are following Him, as people often do, for purely selfish reasons. Jesus knows it.
  - B. 6:29 This is what God wants us to do: Believe in Jesus: Trust, put our faith in Jesus.
  - C. 6:31 They challenge Jesus to perform a sign to prove His identity. He never once responded to challenges like these. (Cf. Exo 16:4, Neh 9:15, Psa 78:24.)
  - D. 6:36 Again, these false or selfish followers really do not believe.
  - E. 6:39-40 The will of the Father:
    - i. From God's side: He gives us everlasting, resurrection life.
    - ii. From our side: We need to believe in Jesus.

IV. 6:41-51 The Bread of Life

- A. 6:42 They made the mistake of thinking that they could fully understand Jesus from a completely human perspective.
- B. 6:45 How does the Father draw us? By His Word. When we hear and learn from the Father we come to Jesus.
- C. 6:47 Who has everlasting life? The one who believes in Jesus.
  - i. Genuine faith in Christ always results in salvation.
  - ii. Salvation is always the result of genuine faith in Christ.
- D. 6:48-51 How do we eat this bread that comes from heaven? Remember, if we do so, we will live forever. Back to verse 47, by believing in Jesus.

V. 6:52-59 Eating His Flesh and Drinking His Blood

- A. 6:52 They are making the same kind of mistake that Nicodemus made in 3:4 and the woman at the well made in 4:11.
- B. 6:58 Using the manna, Moses actually pointed the people away from physical bread and pointed them to the Word:

*Deuteronomy 8:3 (NKJV) So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, [Why?] that He might make you know that **man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.***

- C. We cannot receive eternal life by means of any physical bread; that would be a “work”.

*Ephesians 2:8-9 (NKJV) For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast*

- D. Jesus is the Word that became flesh.

*John 1:1 (NKJV) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

*John 1:14 (NKJV) And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*

- E. The Bible is the written Word. Much that the Bible says about Jesus it says about itself:
  - i. Jesus is holy: Luke 1:35
  - ii. Jesus is the Truth: John 14:6
  - iii. Jesus is Light: John 8:12
  - iv. Jesus gives life: John 5:21
  - v. Jesus is eternal: John 4:10

The Scriptures are holy: 2 Timothy 3:15
God's Word is Truth: John 17:17
God's Word is Light: Psalm 119:105
God's Precepts give life: Psalm 119:93
God's Word is eternal: 1 Peter 1:23

VI. 6:60-71 You Have the Words of Eternal Life

A. 6:63 The power is in the Holy Spirit and in the Word, both of which we need to receive by faith.

i. The Holy Spirit is received by faith. Paul asked the Galatians:

*Galatians 3:2 (NKJV) This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?*

ii. The word of God impacts our hearts by faith.

*Hebrews 4:2 (NKJV) For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.*

B. We eat Christ's flesh and drink His blood – that is, we partake of Christ and receive Him – by receiving the Word as taught by the Spirit. The flesh profits nothing. No physical bread can do this for us.

C. 6:64 Again there are those followers of Jesus who do not truly believe.

D. 6:66 These “disciples” walked away – and this still happens today. They find that although Jesus is truly the Savior that they need, He is not the Savior they wanted.

*1 John 2:19 (NKJV) They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.*

E. 6:68-69 Peter understood what Jesus was talking about: “You have **the words of eternal life.**” And he speaks for the twelve.

F. Peter also understood that he had nowhere else to turn.

i. The real follower of Jesus:

a) Will stick with Him even when he sees others abandon Him.

b) Has come to the place in his life where he can honestly say, “Lord, to whom else shall I go?”

ii. You haven't really followed Jesus until following Him is confusing and difficult, others are turning away, and you keep right on going, because you understand that there is no real alternative.

*Faith demonstrates to the eye of the mind the reality of those things that cannot be discerned by the eye of the body. Faith is believing where we cannot see, trusting in Christ beyond the horizon, believing His goodness beyond our sight, trusting His word against the optic nerve.*  
– J. Wallace Hamilton

6:70-71 Peter was almost right when he spoke for the whole group, but he was incorrect about one of them. Jesus knew the heart of Judas all along – and chose him anyway.