

Bread of Life Discourse - Part 1

Matthew 14:34-36; Mark 6:53-56; John 6:22-40

The Bread of Life discourse will bring about a great change in the people's belief concerning Jesus. His popularity will drop off considerably in Galilee. After the Bread of Life Discourse, we read, "From that time many of his _____ went back, and walked no more with him." John 6:66

I. Day after the Feeding of the 5000

1. Gennesaret

"And when they had passed over, they came into the land of Gennesaret, and drew to the shore. ⁵⁴And when they were come out of the ship, straightway they _____ him, ⁵⁵And ran through that whole region round about, and began to carry about in beds those that were sick, ("and brought unto him all that were diseased;" Matthew 14:35) where they heard he was. ⁵⁶And whithersoever he entered, into villages, or cities, or country, they laid the sick in the _____, and besought him that they might touch if it were but the border of his garment: and as many as touched him were made ("_____ " Matthew 14:36) whole." Mark 6:53-56

"they came into the land of Gennesaret." –

"straightway they knew him," –

"and as many as touched him were made whole." –

2. Bethsaida

"The day following, when the people which stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was none other boat there, save that one whereinto his disciples were entered, and that Jesus went not with his disciples into the boat, but that his _____ were gone away alone; ²³ (Howbeit there came other boats from Tiberias nigh unto the place where they did eat bread, after that the Lord had given thanks:) ²⁴ When the people therefore saw that _____ was not there, neither his disciples, they also took shipping, and came to Capernaum, seeking for Jesus. And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when camest thou hither? " John 6:22-25

Confusion at the shore – Where did Jesus go?

II. Crowds Followed for the Wrong Reason

“Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did _____ of the loaves, and were filled. ²⁷ Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto _____, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.” John 6:26-27

“Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.” –

“Labor not for the meat which perisheth” –

“but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life.” –

“which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.” –

III. Crowds Ask the Wrong Question

“Then said they unto him, What shall we _____, that we might work the works of God? ²⁹ Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye _____ on him whom he hath sent. ³⁰ They said therefore unto him, What _____ showest thou then, that we may see, and _____ thee? what dost thou work? ³¹ Our _____ did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.” John 6:28-31

“What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?” –

“This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.” –

“What sign showest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee?” –

“Our fathers did eat manna in the desert” –

IV. Crowds Had the Wrong Conclusion

“Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you _____ that bread from heaven; but my _____ giveth you the _____ bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is _____ which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the _____.” John 6:32-33

“Moses gave you not that bread from heaven” –

“my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven” –

“For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world” –

V. Crowds Ask for the Right Thing

“Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore _____ us this bread. ³⁵ And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. ³⁶ But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe _____. ³⁷ All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. ³⁸ For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own _____, but the _____ of him that sent me.” John 6:34-38

“Lord, evermore give us this bread” –

“I am the bread of life” –

“ye also have seen me, and believed not” –

“All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.” –

“not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me” –

VI. Crowds Misunderstand the Father’s Will

“And this is the Father's _____ which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. ⁴⁰And this is the _____ of him that sent me, that everyone which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I _____ raise him up at the last day.” John 6:39-40

“all which he hath given me I should lose nothing” –

“raise it up again at the last day” –

“everlasting life” –

Believer’s Application:

1. Our motives in life must always be checked. The “why” of our desires and pursuits must be examined against the truth of the Bible. In this incident of Jesus, the people desired to satisfy their flesh with food. This seemed their highest goal. But we must remember, our sinful default is also feeding our flesh.

2. When we come to Christ in salvation, we are eternally secure. This is a promise of God found in the Bible.