

Bread of Life Discourse - Part 1

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

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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.

Bread of Life Discourse – Part 2

John 6:41-71

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I. Murmuring Crowd v. 41-51

→ Crowds' Question

"The Jews then _____ at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven. ⁴²And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we _____? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven?" John 6:41-42

"The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread of life which came down from heaven." –

"how is it" –

→ Jesus' Answer

"Jesus therefore _____ and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves. ⁴⁴No man can _____ to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, _____ unto me. ⁴⁶Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father. ⁴⁷Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that _____ on me hath everlasting life." John 6:43-47

"No man can come to me except the Father which hath sent me draw him:" –

"they shall be all taught of God" –

"he hath seen the Father" –

"He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." –

"I am that bread of _____. ⁴⁹Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are _____.
⁵⁰This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not _____.
⁵¹I am the _____ bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall _____ forever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the _____ of the world." John 6:48-51

“I am the bread of life.”/“Your fathers did eat manna....and are dead.”/“this is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.” –

“he shall live forever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.” –

II. Striving Crowd v. 52-59

→ Crowds' Argument

“The Jews therefore strove (Gk - _____) among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat? John 6:52

→ Jesus' Answer

“Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have _____ in you. ⁵⁴ Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath _____; and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. ⁵⁶ He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ As the _____ Father hath sent me, and I _____ by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall _____ by me. ⁵⁸ This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are _____: he that eateth of this bread shall _____ forever. ⁵⁹ These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.” John 6:53-59

“ye shall no life in you” vs. “hath eternal life” –

“dwelleth in me, and I in him.” –

“living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.” –

Synagogue of Capernaum –

III. Departing Crowd – v. 60-71

→ Crowds' Concern

“Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an _____ saying; who can hear it?” John 6:60

→ Jesus' Answer

“When Jesus knew in himself that his _____ murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this _____ you? ⁶² What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before? ⁶³ It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are _____, and they are _____.” John 6:61-63

“Doth this offend you? –

“What and if ye shall see the Son of Man ascend up where he was before?” –

“the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.” –

→ Two Reactions

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“But there are some of you that _____ . For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that _____ , and who should _____ him. ⁶⁵ And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him _____ my Father. ⁶⁶ From that time many of his disciples _____ back, and _____ no more with him.” John 6:64-66

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“Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye _____ go away? ⁶⁸ Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of _____ . ⁶⁹ And we _____ and are _____ that thou art that Christ, the Son of the _____ God.” John 6:67-69

“whom shall we go?” –

“thou hast the words of eternal life” –

“we believe and are sure” –

“Jesus answered them, Have not I _____ you twelve, and one of you is a devil? ⁷¹ He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.” John 6:70-71

“Judas Iscariot the son of Simon” –

Believers Application:

Ladies Studying Jesus

Homework – Vol. 5 #7

Jesus made several “I am” statements.

- I am the light of the world:
- I am the good shepherd:
- I am the resurrection and the life:
- I am the bread of life:
- I am the true vine:
- I am the way, the truth, and the life.
- I am the door:

Pick two of these statements and give a brief paragraph about what it means. Point out any similarities between these statements.

1. “I am the _____” –

2. “I am the _____” –

Ladies Studying Jesus

Homework – Vol. 5 #8

Let's look at three doctrines repeated within the Bread of Life discourse and found throughout the New Testament.

1. Jesus “came down from heaven.”

Give the references within the Bread of Life discourse –

Give the references with the New Testament – (write out two verses)

2. “Believe” is the word Jesus uses to describe what man must do concerning His person and work.

Give the references within the Bread of Life discourse –

Give the references with the New Testament – (write out two verses)

3. “Everlasting life” is what we are promised by God when we believe in His Son.

Give the references within the Bread of Life discourse –

Give the references with the New Testament – (write out two verses)