

Jn221 – **The Bread of Life – Part 2 - John 6:41–59**

Lst wk we began the **“Bread of Life”** Msg - today we'll finish it  
So get **PART** 1 – if you missed it (on **WBM** App)

This can be a **hard passage** - & we'll see nxt wk,  
when Jesus finished it - **many turned away** from Following Him

But it's actually a super-critical **passage**  
**for US** to **UNDERSTAND** - & **APPLY** to oour lives

Jesus does not want you to live a **life of Spiritual emptiness** -  
as you **consume what the world** has to offer

Because When this life is **OVER** - **ALL** that this World Offers  
will do you **NO ETERNAL GOOD**

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One of the **saddest things** I've ever witnessed –  
was when I was asked to **sit with a man**, while he was being  
**removed** from life support – in my Early days of Ministry. . .  
(story)

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Jesus Christ taught the **“Bread of Life”** discourse

so we would something **MORE**  
` than a can of **BEER** to hold onto

When our time to leave this world comes

**Let's Pray**

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Lst wk – Jesus said

***“I am the bread of life that has come down from heaven”***

Today– we pick up the text in Jn 6:41-42

### **John 6:41–42 (NLT)**

***41 Then the people began to murmur in disagreement because he had said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.”***

***42 They said, “Isn’t this Jesus, the son of Joseph? We know his father and mother. How can he say, ‘I came down from heaven’?”***

Remember - they were just there - for another Free Lunch

Now they’re murmuring in disagreement - because Jesus says:

***“I am the bread that came down from heaven”***

& they immediately **THINK** they know

**WHO** Jesus **IS**

**But they don’t KNOW HIM at all**

**& they refuse to consider – WHO Jesus might Actually be**

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& so Now – Jesus is going to Scold them a little

& then he’s going to **REPEAT** the same truth

he **BEGAN** to explain - last week - in Part 1

### **John 6:43–44 (NLT)**

***43 But Jesus replied, “Stop complaining about what I said.***

**44 For no one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them to me, and at the last day I will raise them up.**

**The drawing power of salvation  
is God's Love & God's Grace**

& God "Draws Us" to Jesus – **BY** the power  
of The Holy Spirit - & Thru God's Living Word

However – the **drawing power** of God's love  
**does not override** - **Your Will**

It works in conjunction with - **Your Will**

Salvation requires both the **drawing power of God** -  
& then in **response** - an **act** of - **Your Will**

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**God draws - & we respond -**

& the Bible says **it takes both** for our salvation to occur

& we see this more - in the next vs

**John 6:45 (NLT)**

**45 As it is written in the Scriptures, 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me.**

**Everyone who listens to the Father**

**THAT is God drawing us**

& the words - **"and learns from him"**

**THAT is a 'voluntary response' from US**

all those who **Listen To - & Learn From God**

Are drawn to put their faith in Jesus Christ

& Jesus will surely **raise**

Everyone who does that - up on the last day

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& then - Jesus clarifies **ONE THING** about us **Listening** and **Learning** from Father

**John 6:46 (NLT)**

***46 (Not that anyone has ever seen the Father; only I, who was sent from God, have seen him.)***

Guys Listen - The **only way** we can **SEE the Father** -  
is to **SEE Jesus**

**& Jesus is trying really hard – to get the people to SEE THAT**

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Then Jesus gets back to the **main point** in **vs's 47-48** -  
with **TWO extremely powerful** vs's

**John 6:47–48 (NLT)**

***47 “I tell you the truth, anyone who believes has eternal life.***

***48 Yes, I am the bread of life!***

Religion Complicates – Jesus Simplifies

**Anyone who believes in Jesus - HAS Eternal Life**

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& then Jesus repeats the monumental “I **AM**” claim:

***“I am the bread of life”***

***“I EXIST AS the the true Spiritual Life from heaven”***

& today – Jesus is **heading** to a very **Radical Image**

of us - **“consuming”** (taking in)

The Bread of Life from Heaven

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### **John 6:49–50 (NLT)**

***49 Your ancestors ate manna in the wilderness, but they all died.***

***50 Anyone who eats the bread from heaven, however, will never die.***

last Msg - the Jews brought up the **miracle of the manna** -  
& **asked Jesus** if He could do something **that big**

But Jesus **USING THAT**  
to **teach** us a **great spiritual truth**

By showing us – That the **manna** was a ‘**picture**’  
(a ‘**type**’) of Himself

In fact – **this picture** of Jesus being the “**Bread of Life**”  
goes even to His birthplace

Because “**Bethlehem**” means “**House of Bread**”

& **do you know** what the word **“manna”** means?  
it means **“What is it?”**

Because that's what the **Israelites said** - when they saw it

& now **Jesus is saying** – **“You wanna know  
what the MANNA WAS - It was a PICTURE - of ME”**

\*\* The manna was **readily accessible** –  
Just as Jesus is always there for us

\*\* The manna was as **white as snow** –  
Just as Jesus makes us – White as Snow

\*\* When a person walked out to the manna – **they had a choice**

They could either **receive** the Manna - as a gift  
or they could **trample it** under foot

Just as we must choose to either -  
receive Jesus as God's gift - or trample Him under foot

\*\* **But most importantly** – the **manna** was Israel's  
**daily sustenance** for life – **NO MANNA** – **NO LIFE**

**they had to consume the manna – or they would die**

& in the **SAME WAY** - Jesus Christ is our  
very sustenance for life – **He IS the Source of our life**

But a casual acknowledging of His existence doesn't do it

Jesus is saying **“I AM”** your **Bread of Life**

But – MY LIFE - must become - YOUR LIFE  
For me to impart THAT LIFE to you

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Just as your ancestors had to CONSUME the MANNA  
to live each day –  
you must to CONSUME ME to live forever

Jesus is using the MANNA - & physical food -  
to teach one of the most important lessons in Christianity

***That Jesus – Himself – is our VERY SOURCE – of Life***

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& now – Since these people are NOT Getting it  
Jesus says it in a way that – Seriously RATTLES Them

**This is the HAMMER Vs of this section**

**John 6:51 (NLT)**

***51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; and this bread, which I will offer so the world may live, is my flesh.***

***BAAM !! - - - CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW ??***

When Jesus says ***“and this bread . . . is my flesh”***

He moves from being “Somewhat Subtle”  
to being as Direct as a HAMMER

***This is the “Make or Break” point in this Discussion***

**Jesus** Christ – Himself  
is **the source** of True & Eternal **LIFE**

& this Eternal Life comes only thru **CONSUMING**  
the Very Life of Jesus – **INTO** Your Life

Remember our Quote from David Guzik  
in **PART** 1 of this message

### **DAVID GUZIK**

***“To eat and drink of Jesus means to internalize Him—to trust, believe, and receive Him fully. It means to live in dependence on Him the way we depend on food and water.”***

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Jesus is **The Bread of LIFE**  
**AND The Lamb that was SLAIN** for the Sin of the World

& only those who **CONSUME HIM** - (who take in His Life)  
will receive the Eternal Life he came to give

**THAT is what Jesus is saying here**

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But Now – Jesus using the Phrase – **“My Flesh”**  
Becomes a **REAL PROBLEM** for the Jews

**you might say - It becomes – Their FORK in the ROAD**



## **John 6:52 (NLT)**

***52 Then the people began arguing with each other about what he meant. “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” they asked.***

They are now – completely **DAZED** & **CONFUSED**

They started by ***“murmuring in disagreement”***

now they’re ***“arguing with each other”***  
about what Jesus **MEANT** by this

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But – For us - There are **dozens**  
of perfectly clear **scriptures** - that prove

Jesus is obviously **not** talking about  
his **literal** flesh & blood

***So the real question is – What IS He talking about?***

He’s talking about us – Taking **HIS LIFE** – Into **OUR LIFE**

He’s talking about us ***“Personally Receiving”*** - **HIS LIFE**  
to becom **THE SOURCE** of Our Life

***“In the same way your physical body must consume food -  
your spiritual body must consume Christ”*** - [repeat]

Jesus is comparing our **Physical Need** to consume **food** –  
with our **Spiritual Need** to consume **HIS LIFE**

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& Here's an Interesting Note

the more Resolved that these people get  
in their **REJECTION** of Jesus

the more Jesus speaks - in **More Intense Images**

& so now - Rather than **BACKING down**  
Jesus **DOUBLES down**

& He repeats This **IMAGERY** –  
With Even **MORE INTENSITY**

If they think his **LAST** Statement **ROCKED THEM**  
Wait till they hear – this **NEXT** Statement

### **John 6:53–54 (NLT)**

***53 So Jesus said again, “I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you cannot have eternal life within you.***

***54 But anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise that person at the last day.***

Jesus is trying – to **BREAK** their Religious Thinking  
with **SHOCKING IMAGERY**

& there's one Large **RELIGION** today -  
that has decided

That they can Somehow make the Bread & the Cup  
**Actually, Literally - BECOME the Literal Body of Jesus**

Which is almost  
an **Impossible Interpretation** - of These Verses

It is Really Easy to Understand  
Jesus is **NOT** speaking about Eating His **LITERAL FLESH**

In the **clear context** of the Entire N.T.

Jesus is using this **analogy**  
to teach a very critical **spiritual truth**

***“In the same way your physical body must consume food -  
your spiritual body must consume - The Life of Jesus”***

**AS** Food is **UNITED** to our **Bodies** when we eat

So Jesus Must be **UNITED** to our **Spiritual Life**  
**BY US** daily taking “The Life of Jesus” - **INTO** our Lives

& Vs.53 makes it clear – this is the **ONLY** way  
to Have Eternal Life within you

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**BUT** – Jesus is **NOT DONE YET** -  
He Hits Them Again - in

**John 6:55–56 (NLT)**

***55 For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.***

***56 Anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains  
(abides) in me, and I in him.***

Jesus is **REALLY SHAKING** these people up

& As their Resolve to Reject Jesus gets Stronger  
His **IMAGERY** gets more **INTENSE**

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But - This is no different than the “Living Water” conversation  
with the Woman at the Well

Jesus wasn’t alking about **LITERAL WATER** there  
& he’s not talking about his **LITERAL BODY** here

**Jesus is saying**

**His Life - must become AS MUCH** a part of us  
**as the food** we eat becomes a part of us

**JUST AS** we **ABIDE** in our Connection to **PHYSICAL FOOD**  
We **MUST ABIDE** in our Connection – **TO HIS LIFE**

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& Then – To **TOP** if **OFF**

Jesus makes another  
**TRULY REMARKABLE Connection** - in

**John 6:57 (NLT)**

***57 I live*** (meaning here on earth) ***because of the living Father  
who sent me; in the same way, anyone who feeds on me will  
live because of me.***

In the same way that **Jesus lived** on earth,  
with the **Father** as his **SOURCE OF LIFE**

In that same way - **we can live** our life on earth  
with **Jesus** as **OUR SOURCE OF OUR LIFE**

This is **NOT RELIGION**

This is a Living – Personal Relationship

This is - **The very Life of God**

Passed from **God the Father** - **to God the Son** - **to US**

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But there's **a condition** here in **v.57**

Jesus says ***“anyone who feeds on Me . . .”***

Will have **ME** as **their SOURCE of Life**

**JUST AS** I have the **FATHER** - as the **SOURCE of MY LIFE**

Feeding on Jesus means ***to have a continual,  
dependent relationship of trust and fellowship with Jesus***

We've got to **“Consume”**

**ALL** that Jesus **IS** - into our lives

For Him to become - the **TRUE SOURCE** of our **life**

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& then finally - **Vs. 58 summarizes** the entire discourse

**John 6:58 (NLT)**

***58 I am the true bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will not die as your ancestors did (even though they ate the manna) but will live forever."***

**& then - John 6:59 (NLT) says**

***59 He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.***

Where I hope some of you will get to be with us,  
when we go back to Israel Next Year

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Jesus is saying to us today;

***"I AM the Bread of Life - that comes down from Heaven -  
if you will make MY LIFE – the SOURCE of YOUR LIFE –  
then you will live forever – with me"***

& so - Jesus ends where He began: with the invitation  
to receive **HIS LIFE** – into **YOUR LIFE** – For **ETERNAL LIFE**

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Receive The **LIFE OF JESUS** – Into **YOUR LIFE**

Feed on **HIS LIFE** - for **YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE**

Commune with **HIS LIFE** -  
By Continually Taking In **HIS LIFE**

& Jesus Will become **YOUR** True **SOURCE OF LIFE**  
Both now - & for Eternity

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Today – Maybe you are Consuming  
what this world has to offer

Or maybe you are Consuming  
Religious Tradition or Religious Actions

Or maybe you're just  
hoping to get in when you show up

But Jesus stands before you today and says,

“I am the true bread from heaven. Anyone who receives Me –  
**AS** the Source of their Life - will live forever.

**I pray you would DO THAT - Today**

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Jesus has made it clear in these 2 messages

The **ONLY** way for you to have Eternal Life

is to **PERSONALLY RECEIVE** Jesus  
as the **VERY SOURCE** of your Life

**RECEIVE HIM TODAY - as Your Personal Bread of Life**

**Let's Pray**