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John 6

Jesus having been rejected in Judea is now is rejected in Galilee in fulfillment of prophecy.

John focuses on the Judean ministry of Jesus his gospel but in chapter six he provides for us a segment of the Galilean ministry which involves the fourth and fifth sign and a discourse that exposes the heart of false disciples who reject Him.

The sixth chapter is the longest chapter in John's gospel and is packed with important truths regarding the person of Jesus.

6:1-15 The feeding of the 5,000 by Jesus.**6:1-2** The setting for the feeding.

- 1) After these things refers to the previous miracle and discourse at Jerusalem of chapter five.
- a) The time element is not known but certainly this marks the second Passover. Jn. 2:13, 23
- b) Some believe this is the third Passover making the feast in the first verse of chapter five Passover therefore a one year having passed?
- 2) The sea of Galilee is a fresh water lake.

- a) It is called the Sea of Tiberias after the city built and named after the Emperor in A.D. 22 or so.
- b) It is called the sea of Gennesaret due to the fertile plain north-west of the lake. Lk. 5:1; Mk. 6:53
- c) It is called Chinnereth in the Old Testament. Nu. 34:17; Jos. 13:27; 19:35
- d) The lake is 14 miles long by 9 miles wide.
- e) The crowd followed Jesus for the signs or miracles He had done in healing and the word indicates a variety of diseases.
* The tense implies that the crowds kept following Him continuously.

6:3 Jesus had just turned aside with His disciple to rest after their mission having heard the John the Baptist had been beheaded and sat with them.
* Near Bethsaida Luke tells us. Lk. 9:10

6:4 This is the second Passover mentioned by John. Jn. 2:13
1) The Lord's Passover had become feast of Jews.
2) The people were making their pilgrimage to Jerusalem according to the law for the three major feasts. Deut.

6:5-7 The compassion of Jesus.

* The synoptic tell us that Jesus had compassion on them because He saw them as being sheep without a shepherd. Mk. 6:34

- 1) Jesus asks Philip as to where they would get the sufficient food? vs. 5
- 2) Philip was from Bethsaida and familiar with the area. Jn. 1:44
- 3) Philip was under a test to see if he would pass it, while the Lord knew all along what He would do. vs. 6
- 4) Philip recognizes that eight months wages would not be enough. for them to have even a little. vs. 7
 - a) A denarii was a day wage. Matt. 20:2
 - b) He passed the test declaring man's insufficiency to meet the need.

6:8-9 Andrew, Peter's brother also recognized the impossibility by the lads supply of five barley loaves and two small fishes.

6:10 Jesus gives the command to have the people recline.

* This is the fourth sign John records!

1) The time was spring, there being much grass.

* This is the only miracle that is recorded in all four gospel! Matt. 14:13-21; Mk. 6:37-44; Lk. 9:10-17

2) The number were about 5,000 men besides women and children.

* A conservative estimate would be 20-30,000.

6:11 Jesus took the little they had.

- 1) He gave thanks for it.
 - 2) He distributed the food to the disciples.
 - 3) His disciples distributed to the people.
- * The miracle I believe occurred at the hands of the disciples.

6:12 The people were filled or gluttoned and there was fragments left over that were gathered in order that there be no loss of anything.

6:13 The fragments were greater than the beginning supply.

* The baskets were small traveling bags for food in contrast to the bigger ones that appear in the feeding of the of the 4,000. Matt. 15:37; Mk. 8:8

6:14-15 The response of the people.

1) They acknowledged Jesus as the prophet to come but did not acknowledge Him as their Messiah. vs. 14; Deut. 18:15

* The sign was to point them to his person!
2) They were going to make Jesus their King based on His ability to provide their physical needs. vs. 15

* The Lord would not be made King after their perspective of an earthly King.

3) The Lord departed to the mountain to pray. vs. 15; Matt. 14:23; Mk. 6:46

6:16-21 The walking on the water by Jesus.

6:16-17 The departure of the disciples.

1) Jesus had sent them away to the other side. Matt. 14:23; Mk. 6:45-6

2) Towards Capernaum and towards Bethsaida. Mk. 6:45

3) The time was already dark.

6:18 The Sea is 600 feet below sea level and storms can rise up in a matter of minutes as the wind blows the south end of the lake.

1) The synoptics tell us that the wind was contrary. Matt. 14:24

2) It was the fourth watch, between 3-6 A.M. Matt. 14:16; Mk. 6:48

3) They did not turn around but kept on their destination.

6:19-21 About half way out, Jesus appeared walking on the water.

* This is the fifth sign John chose to prove that Jesus is the son of God that people might believe and have eternal life.

1) They were afraid, thinking it was a ghost the other gospels tell us. vs. 19

2) The Lord said, "It is I "ego eimi". vs. 20

a) The phrase is found four times in the chapter. vs. 35, 41, 48, 51; Ex. 3:6

b) Matthew tells us that Peter said, "If it is You Lord, bid me to come to You", and Peter walked on the water till he saw the waves and began to sink, then Jesus lifted him up. Matt.14:28-31

3) The boat arrived at the other side immediately. vs. 21

* The wind ceased Mark tells us. Mk. 4:51

6:22-40 The discourse on Jesus being the bread from heaven.

6:22-25 The people followed Jesus.

1) They came from the side of Tiberias to Capernaum. vs. 22-24

* Village of Nahum.

2) They were perplexed as to how Jesus had gotten there. vs. 25

6:26-27 Jesus does not answers their question but tells them the reason they are following him.

1) They came because Jesus was a free meal ticket. vs. 26

2) They were exhorted not to seek the food that perishes but the spiritual food for everlasting life. vs. 27a-b

3) The One authorized to give this is Jesus by the Father. vs. 27c

6:28-29 The people ask Jesus a question.

1) What shall they do, to do the works of God? vs. 28

* No man can so any works to merit salvation, this is the curse of man!

2) The answer is to believe in Him whom God has sent. vs. 29

6:30-31 They desire a sign to believe the authority of Jesus and pointed to the Manna.

1) Jesus has just fed the 5,000. vs. 30

2) Their concern was still for the physical. vs. 31

6:32-33 Jesus corrects their wrong theology.

1) Moses did not give them bread from heaven but god had given them the "true" "genuine" bread from heaven. vs. 32

2) Jesus is the "true" bread come to die for the world. vs. 33

6:34 They the Samaritan woman desire this bread so that they won't have to purchase any more.

6:35-40 Jesus proclaim spiritual truths to them.

1) He is the bread of life who alone satisfies man's life. vs. 35

a) Bread is sufficient to live, having all the necessary elements.

b) Water is also essential for life.

2) He declares that they do not believe in Him. vs. 36

3) He states that all individual given by the Father for salvation will by no means be rejected. vs. 37

4) He came on the father's bidding. vs. 38-39

a) To fulfill the will of the Father. vs. 38

b) To save them. vs. 39a-b

c) To raise them up at the resurrection. vs. 39c

4) He came to impart eternal life to all who believe. vs. 40

6:41-71 The rejection of Jesus by the Jews.

6:41-51 *The murmuring of the Jews.*

1) They murmured about His claim to have come from heaven. vs. 41

* Their murmuring was after the manner of their fathers, a low muttering and grumbling sound of complaint as indicated in the LXX for the wilderness murmuring. Ex. 15:14;
Num. 14:2

2) They considered Jesus to be human not divine. vs. 42

- 3) Jesus reproved them and told them to stop their grumbling. vs. 43
- 4) They were to know that the reason they murmured was that the Father had not drawn them and consequently they would not be raised up in the last day. vs. 44
- a) The doctrine of predestination is half of the truth while the doctrine of human responsibility and free-will is the other half!
- b) The last day is indicative of each person's last day on earth, on ongoing resurrection, the first resurrection. vs. 45
- 5) They were being taught by God according to the prophetic fulfillment. Is. 54:13
- * Those who heard and learned would come to Jesus.
- 6) Jesus is the only one who has seen God. vs. 46,1:18
- 7) The promise of possessing eternal life if based on faith in Jesus. vs. 47
- 8) Jesus is the bread of life prefigured in the Old Testament type in the Tabernacle. vs. 48
- * The first of the "I Am" proclamations!
- 9) Jesus is superior to the Manna in the wilderness. vs. 49-50
- 10) Personal partaking is necessary as much as the personal sacrifice Jesus was necessary. vs. 51

6:52-59 *The quarreling of the Jews.*

- 1) The Jews quarreled, strove and fought with each other about the eating of His flesh and drinking His blood. vs. 52
- 2) The Lord was talking in spiritual terms not literal terms, for the law forbid cannibalism and drinking blood. vs. 53-58; Gen. 9:5-6; Lev. 17:11
- * Some have attempted to teach that Jesus was talking about the Lord's table but it is absurd!
- 3) The discourse was in the synagogue at Capernaum. vs. 59

6:60-66 *The murmuring of the many disciples.*

- 1) The many who followed Jesus had a difficult time excepting His words and murmured as the Jews because they expected physical Kingdom. vs. 60-62
- * Jesus asked them if they were stumbled in Him?
- 2) The Lord clearly declares that the Kingdom is spiritual, by the work of the Holy Spirit, the flesh can accomplish nothing. vs. 63
- 3) The Lord plainly tells them that there were some of them who did not believe in Jesus in affirmation of not being drawn by the Father. vs. 64-65
- 4) The many disciple went back and followed the Lord no more. vs. 66

6:67-71 The confession of the twelve disciples.

- 1) Jesus asked the twelve if they would leave Him? vs. 67
- 2) Peter responded. vs. 68-69
 - a) who shall we go to?
 - b) You have the words of eternal life.
 - c) We have believe from the past and continue to believe that You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God or the Holy One of God.
- 3) Jesus confesses that He chose them yet one of them was a devil, Judas Ischariot. vs. 70-71