

Walking with Jesus
Part 9
“Jesus the Bread of Life”

- *Jesus fed the five thousand...*
- *He sends the Disciples ahead of him across the sea to Capernaum...*
- *Jesus later walks through the storm on water and joins the Disciples...*

John 6

25 When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”

26 Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. 27 Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.”

28 Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?”

29 Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”

30 So they asked him, “What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? 31 Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

32 Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

34 “Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.”

35 Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Vs. 25

25 When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”

- Jesus and his disciples have crossed over to Capernaum.
- It says in the previous verse:

Vs. 24 “Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.”

Pics of Capernaum

- There were also others who came along with the crowd.
- Matthew 15 gives the same account and tells us that there were Pharisees and Teachers of the Law who caught word of the miracle of multiplying the loaves and fish.

Vs. 26,27

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- Here Jesus teaches them there is more, from me, than the bread that fills your stomachs.
- There is a bread that is Spiritual, it nurtures the Spirit and is greater than the bread that nurtures the body.
- The bread of this world will spoil but the food which the Son of Man gives endures to eternal life.

Vs. 28,29

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WOW... Did you hear that?

Do you want to know what the will of God is for your life?

“The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”

Jesus told them, *Do not work for the food which perishes*. In reply, they used the same word Jesus used and asked, “How shall we work for this?”

Believe!!!

This is more than an intellectual acceptance of Jesus...

To believe means:

Commit to, trust in, be fully persuaded, put confidence in.

- Our works for him is no substitute for our faith in Him; our faith is the foundation for works that truly please God.

Vs. 30-35

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Jesus is dealing with a mixed crowd here...

These are most likely the words of the Pharisees and teachers of the law from Jerusalem.

They’ve heard the excited talk of the miraculous feeding, as well as those who witnessed it and wanted to see it again.

They are asking:

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Then Jesus responds:

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33 For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

- Jesus is passionate about the things of the Spirit...
- The rest of the crowd have been with him two days...
- On day one He multiplies the loaves and fish and feeds them in the natural...
- Day Two He says ok “you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill.”

- In other words, Yes God cares about your earthly needs but he cares even more about your spiritual needs...
- I love this Jesus doesn't just want big church he wants a Spirit filled Church...

I don't believe for a second that Jesus doesn't cares about their needs in the natural, He obviously does...

He heals the sick...

He feeds the hungry...

He comforts the hurting...

He provides for needs...

He understands what we go through and meets us there...

But there is something greater still and that is the eternal...

Like he said in Mark 8:36

Mark 8:36

For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?

Jesus is not content to meet just physical need...

He knows even more than we do that we must be feed Spiritually...

Vs. 35

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Bread illustration

Oh when Spiritual hunger is realized...

People begin to look go God

Instead of everything the world gives...

It could be drugs

It could be alcohol

It could be relationships

it could be anger

It could be materialism

It could be work

It could be anything that we look to fulfill the Spiritual Hunger that only God can fill...

It can show up in many ways...

Oh but when we find Spiritually Satisfaction in God...

Everything changes...

Your perspective on life changes...