John 6 Pt 1 vv 1-22

Jesus

I. Compassion

1 **After these things…** Ch.5

- **After Jesus Healed** man at the pool
- **After Jesus was Accused**
  1. Healing on Sabbath
  2. Making Himself Equal w/Father
- **After Jesus Declared**
  1. I have Life in Myself
  2. I will Speak/Dead will rise
  3. I will Judge the souls of all men
- **After Jesus Called** 5 Witnesses of Himself to the stand
  1. Jesus
  2. J the B
  3. Works
  4. Father
  5. Word
- **After Jesus Warning:**
  1. Hear My Word /Love Truth/Receive Eternal Life
  2. Refuse My Word/Despise Truth/Die eternally in your sin

After these things; i.e. Back on the ground

1b… [Then] Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is *the Sea* of Tiberias. **2 Then a great multitude followed Him**, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased.

After Jesus Healed the Diseased
Then Multitudes Began to Follow Him

- 12 Apostles already chosen/sent out 2 x 2 [Mark 6]
- Preaching Word, Healing, Casting out demons, calling people repentance

Mark 6:12 …they went out and **preached that people should repent**. 13 And they **cast out many demons**, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and **healed** them**…30** Then the apostles gathered to Jesus and told Him all things, both what they had done and what they had taught. 31 And [Jesus] said to them, "Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat. 32 So they departed to a **deserted place** in the boat by themselves.

- Also, John the Baptist [forerunner/friend/cousin] recently beheaded

Matthew 14:13 [Parallel] **When Jesus heard it**, He departed from there by boat to a deserted place by Himself [and Apostles]. But when the multitudes heard it, **they followed Him** on foot from the cities.

3 And Jesus **went up on the mountain**, and there He sat with His disciples.

Dealing with Loss as Others Rejoice

4 Now the **Passover**, a feast of the Jews, was near.

3 Old Testament Jewish Required Feasts [Ex 23:14]

1.	**Feast of Unleavened Bread**/Passover	Early Spring
2.	**Feast of Weeks:** AKA Pentecost	Late Spring
3.	**Feast of Tabernacles:** AKA Booths	Fall
4.	***Bonus Feast:** Feast of Dedication [AKA Hanukkah]*	*Winter*

Passover: Beginning of Spring/Life in Full Bloom
John is dead. Jesus is solemn. Jesus wept. Boys watch

5 Then **Jesus lifted up His eyes**, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him

- **Sitting on Mountain:** Relaxing, chillin' with the boys

1. Lifts His head/Multitude coming up the hill
2. Thousands of Passover Pilgrims/others…

Finally some Quiet/Relief and here they come
What would we do?

5b…[Jesus] said to Philip, "**Where shall we buy bread**, that these may eat?" 6 But this He said to test him, for **He Himself knew what He would do**.

Jesus Reveals the Compassionate the Heart of the Father
Philip, where ***are we*** going to get enough food?

- **The Philip Test:**

1. **How Big is your Heart?** Big enough to put others first?
2. **How Big is your God?** Big enough to do act supernaturally?
3. **How do you hear My Word?** By faith or only by what you see?

7 Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient **for them**, that every one **of them** may have a little."

6-months wages won't buy food for all *these people*

That is not faith, *it is reason*, — poor, dim, shallow reason, which forgets the Infinite, and begins to calculate its own limited and insufficient [resources]. [Spurgeon]

We have enough for us
We're good…Send them away

Matthew 14:14 [Parallel]…**when Jesus went out** He saw a great multitude; and He was **moved with compassion for them**, and healed their sick.

Jesus Went Out to the Multitudes

- **Jesus observed them** the need…forgot about self
- **Jesus was moved by them** with compassion…went beyond self

- **Jesus healed them** the sick and spoke of the Kingdom of God [Luke 9]

Matthew 14:15 [Cont.]] When it was evening, His disciples [Including Philip] came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. **Send the multitudes away**, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." 16 But Jesus said to them, **"They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."**

Tired/Grieving/Need some *Me* time
Send them away

Galatians 6:9 …let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap **if we do not lose heart**. [Also 2 Thes. 3:13]

My food is to do the will of the Father. IOWs Serving others is not what wears us down but it is what keeps us going. [NJC]

Our Work for the Lord is Never in Vain

1 Corinthians 15:58 [Brothers and Sisters]… be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your **labor is not in vain in the Lord.**

We won't lose heart when our power is from the Spirit

- Love can take a little more. Love can give a little more [Skillet]
- When you're all loved out…love a little more

God's Economy: Jesus/Others/Self

- **Philip:** We have nothing left to give those people
- **Apostles**: Send them away let them fend for themselves

8 One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, 9 "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?"

- **Andrew**

1. Always bringing people/stuff to/for Jesus to fix…
2. Not ***much faith*** but ***quality faith***. Powerful mustard seed faith
3. …***Atomic faith***

15,000 people. Andrew says…
Kid over here w/5 loaves of Bread/Couple of Kipper snacks

10 Then Jesus said, "**Make the people sit down**." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

Give Me his lunch. *Make the people sit down*

Psalm 23:1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He **makes me to lie** down in green pastures…

Q. What is the thing God wants most from you?

Luke 10:41 Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. 42 But **one thing is needed…** [sit down with Me]

Q. What is the thing God wants most from you?
A. Relationship. Sit down with Him

A right Relationship with Jesus? Not trying harder but Getting closer

- **15,000 Men/women/Children:** Andrew hands Jesus 5 Loaves/2 Fish

11 And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, **as much as they wanted**.

Jesus Blesses the Father for the Bread/Fish …and the Boy?
Takes/Multiplies/Gives Back

Jesus takes the little we have/multiplies it that we might give it away… then repeat

Luke 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom.

- Jesus is preparing the canvas to *paint a picture for what follows*
- Using a physical teaching moment to permanently *imprint spiritual concept on minds*

God is our Provider/Sustainer
Physically/Spiritually. Temporally/Eternally

[They took] **As much as they wanted.** Note those words, for they are the rule at Christ's feasts. Of earthly things, He gives us as much as we need; and of heavenly things, as much as we want! "Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it. According to your faith be it unto you." …That is Christ's measure for those who gather at His table; it is **only your own will that limits the amount of grace** that you may have. [Spurgeon]

Eating with Jesus is Fun

- **1st Coming:** After His victory over death Jesus prepared breakfast on the beach

John 21:9 [After crucifixion the boys fishing…] saw a fire of coals [on the beach], and fish laid on it, and bread. 10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught." [Peter drags his net ashore] 12 Jesus said to them, **"Come and eat breakfast."**

- **2nd Coming:** After His victory Sin/Death Jesus will prepare us a **victory feast…**

Isaiah 25:6 [Wedding Feast] And in this mountain **The Lord of hosts will make for all people A feast** of choice pieces, A feast of wines on the lees, Of fat things full of marrow, Of well-refined wines on the lees. 7 And He will destroy on this mountain The surface of the covering cast over all people, And the **veil that is spread over all nations**. 8 He will swallow up death forever, And the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke

of His people He will take away from all the earth; For the Lord has spoken. 9 And it will be said in that day: "Behold, this is our God; We have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is the Lord; We have waited for Him; **We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation**."

Jesus enjoys a good meal/Interesting conversation
15,000 people ate as Jesus ***taught and healed them…***

Luke 9:11 [Parallel] … [Jesus] received them and **spoke to them about the kingdom** of God, and **healed those who had need of healing.**

12 **So when they were filled**, [Jesus] said to His disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost." 13 Therefore they gathered them up, and filled **twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves** which were left over by those who had eaten. 14 Then those men, when they had **seen the sign** that Jesus did, said, **"This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world."**

They came to see a sign and saw two signs
Fed and healed Physically/Fed and healed Spiritually

- Will they follow Jesus for physical temporal needs?
- Or will they follow Jesus for Spiritual eternal needs?
- Began following Him because He healed their diseases v2

John 6:2 Then a great multitude followed Him, ***because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased.***

Do we follow Jesus because of what He can do for us now?
Or because of what He already did for us Eternally?

They called Him Prophet vs Son of God
Asking themselves: How can we profit from this Prophet?

II. Mega Storm

15 **Therefore** when **Jesus perceived** that they were about to come and take Him **by force to make Him king…**

John 18:36 My kingdom is not of this world… **Therefore…**

- Because the people were… *Seeking more signs*
- Because their intent was to… *Install an earthly king*

15b…He departed again to the mountain **by Himself alone**. 16 Now when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea, 17 got into the boat, and went over the sea toward **Capernaum**. And it was already dark, and **Jesus had not come to them.**

- **Evening on the Mountain**

1. Jesus stays on Mountain
2. Disciple go down to beach/Get in boat/Capernaum
3. Jesus does not follow…

Matthew 14:22 [Parallel] Immediately [after the king thing] Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to **the other side**, while **He sent the multitudes away**. 23 And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now **when evening came, He was alone there.**

- **More info from Mat.**

1. Jesus **made** His disciples go ahead to Capernaum
2. On the mountain alone **to be w/Father**

Boys are now in the Boat w/out Jesus

18 Then the sea arose because a great wind was blowing. 19 So when they had rowed about **three or four miles**, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near the boat; and they were afraid.

- **Great wind**: lit. **Mega-storm**; i.e. very strong/very loud
- Continued to Row out 3-4 miles/**See Jesus walking on the Water**

Mark 6:47 [Parallel] Now when evening came, the boat was in the middle of the sea; and [Jesus] was **alone on the land**. 48 Then He **saw them straining** at rowing, for the wind was against them. Now about the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea**, and would have passed them by.**

- 3 am in the middle of sea
- Straining to row against the wind

He saw them straining. He knew the wind was against them
He walks near them on the water as if He was going to pass them by…

20 But He said to them, "**It is I; do not be afraid**." 21 Then they **willingly received Him** into the boat…

What happened *before* they received Him into the boat?
What John leaves it out…Matthew tells us

Matthew 14:26 And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, **"It is a ghost!"** And they cried out for fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; **do not be afraid**." 28 And Peter answered Him and said, "**Lord, if it is You**, command me to come to You on the water." 29 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. 30 But when he **saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid**; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" 31 And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" 32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, **"Truly You are the Son of God."**

It is I. Do not be afraid
…Then they willingly received Him

21b…and **immediately the boat was at the land** where they were going.

- Supernaturally they appear in Capernaum

He saw them straining. He knew the wind would be against them
He came near as if to pass them by. He waited to be willingly received

Keep your eyes on Jesus in the midst of your Mega storm
Even Better…Set your eyes on Jesus before the Mega storm hits!

…they were surprised and afraid to see supernatural help coming to them. [Guzik]

If Jesus says He'll meet you on the other side
Faith will supernaturally bring you to where He is