

John 6:1-40 – 19 April 2026

“Adjusting Our Focus Back To Jesus”

Introduction

*We're exactly 1 year away from Jesus' crucifixion

*It's the Passover that begins Jesus' 3rd year

*With all of Jesus' healings & miracles, the people are starting to lose their focus

*They're looking for earthly wealth, not spiritual wealth

*They want freedom from Rome, not freedom from sin

*Today, we adjust the focus back onto Jesus

*He Himself is the source of all that's needed

Today, we look at the 3 ways to refocus the lens of Christianity onto Jesus

As we see these 3, let's check ourselves to see if *we've* drifted out of focus

#1 – Full Provision doesn't come from our resources but from Jesus (Vs 1-15) (Feeding of the 5,000)

Read 6:1-4

1. They've come there for a rest alone
2. They're faced w/ people wanting more signs
 - a. Read Mark 6:34 – He gave love & teaching
3. How do we balance our desires with others?

Read 6:5-7

1. Q&A with Philip has a built-in assumption that they want to and *will* provide for these people
 - a. His 1st instinct is to give to others, not self
2. Knowing that Jesus is testing him, we can see that Jesus was asking the right question
 - a. Philip, seeing naturally, asks, “How, with what resources? This doesn't add up”
 - b. Jesus asks, “*Where* will it come from?”
 - c. If we concern ourselves w/ *Jesus*' questions & not our own, we'll be much better off
 - d. You see, the 'Where' answer is, *from Jesus*

3. If we have faith in the ‘where’, then the ‘hows’ will work themselves out

Read 6:8-9

1. Andrew at least tried to answer Jesus’ question
 - a. But he came at it from earthly perspective
 - b. He had faith to look to Jesus, but just a little
2. Bring to Jesus (the where) what little we have and watch Him do great things (the how)

Read 6:10-11

1. Jesus had the disciples tell the people to sit orderly so they could distribute
2. It flows from Jesus, to disciples, to the people
3. They all had as much as they wanted
 - a. When God provides, He provides wonderfully

Read 6:12-13

1. Many interesting comparisons to the feeding of the 4,000 in Decapolis
 - a. 12 left vs 7 baskets left (Jews vs Gentiles)
 - b. How long they’re w/ Jesus (Jews 1 day vs Gentiles 3 days)

2. God's provision is generous but not wasteful
 - a. He supplies, but He's not sloppy
 - b. When we're nourished by God, there's always more to pass on to others later

Read 6:14

1. As God had Moses provide manna in the wilderness, so Jesus provides this bread
2. They knew the prophecy of Deut 18:15 that God would bring a prophet like Moses

Read 6:15

1. Look at Jesus' humility to wait for the right time and way to be made king
 - a. Satan tempted to make Jesus king
 - b. The people here tempt to make Jesus king
2. What both Satan & the people have wrong is *which kingdom* He should be ruler of
 - a. Jesus' kingdom is not of this world
 - b. He fights to bring us into His eternal kingdom

#2 – Faithful Protection doesn't come from our effort but from Jesus (Vs 16-21) (Walking on water)

Read 6:16-17

1. Jesus hadn't come to them yet b/c He went to the mountain to pray alone (Matt 14:23)
 - a. This is what He wanted *before* the feeding
 - b. He won't be robbed of His time w/ His Dad
2. Matt says this was the fourth watch (3-6 am)

Read 6:18

1. Sea is 600 ft below sea level & prone to this
2. Different from when Jesus calmed the sea

Read 6:19

1. They rowed about 3 miles & the Sea is about 8 miles across for their trip – they're about halfway
2. They're scared b/c they think it's a ghost

Read 6:20

1. Jesus shows authority over position
 - a. Aristotle *Categories* (10) – Jesus' miracles showed authority over them all

2. Jesus is trying to build their faith gradually
 - a. At 1st event – He’s *in* boat & calms things
 - b. At this 2nd event – He intended for them to remember & trust their training
 - i. Didn’t need His presence, just His promise
 - ii. Read Mark 6:48 – He intended to pass by
 - iii. Matt 14:22 makes clear Jesus made disciples get in the boat & go at His command

Read 6:21

1. Matt 14 tells us this is where Peter walked on water briefly – then took His eyes off of Jesus
2. The hard work they struggled to do was immediately over once they believed in the Savior

#3 – Fulfilled Promises don’t come from any man but from Jesus (Vs 22-40) (Jesus is the Bread of Life)

Read 6:22-24

1. It says they came ‘seeking Jesus’
 - a. That’s the very thing that will be tested
 - b. Are they seeking the Man or the material?

Read 6:25-27

1. Are you seeking Jesus for what you can get out of the deal or b/c He's worthy of giving ourselves
2. When one is misguided, He doesn't turn them away but seeks to refocus & steer them aright
3. Jesus' instruction here is to work for the food that endures forever

Read 6:28-29

1. Can't *earn* heaven or favor w/ God w/ works
 - a. Simply need to believe God *grants* us favor
2. All of Christianity hinges on God's activity, not our own – God has promised & He will do it (Read I Thes 5:24)
 - a. Provision for the 5,000 came from *Jesus*
 - b. Protection from the sea came from *Jesus*
 - c. Promise of eternal life comes from *Jesus*
3. We focus on God's activity, direction & power

Read 6:30-33

1. He again corrects them to get their glory going to the proper individual

- a. It was God they needed in the wilderness, not Moses
2. They should have seen the manna as God's provision from heaven that brings them life
 - a. God is prototyping something as a principle forever – **God** brings life, not man's work

Read 6:34-36

1. We simply must come to Jesus believing that **He** gives the provision for eternal life
 - a. He is the very fulfillment of the manna from long ago
2. Jesus is being very clear with them
 - a. Not just what to believe, but also, they have not yet done it

Read 6:37-38

1. Our responsibility is to come to Jesus
2. His grace is to receive us and never reject us
3. This is the Father's will, which Jesus does perfectly

Read 6:39-40

1. There is assurance that when we come believing in Jesus, He *will* raise us into eternal life
2. But this is our choice to come to Jesus or not
(Read John 12:48)

Conclusion

So, are *we* out of focus with our Christianity?

1. **Where do you find provisions?**
 - a. Don't trust our riches but Jesus to provide
2. **Where do you find protection?**
 - a. Don't work hard but trust Jesus to protect
3. **Where do you place your hope & promise for the future?**
 - a. Don't look to humanity, but to divinity

Jesus is the Bread of Life

1. He will provide what we need
2. He will protect us from danger
3. He will promote us into eternal life