

John 6:41-51

THE LACK OF HUNGER

John 6:41-42 - "So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.'"

42 They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'"

GRUMBLES @

CLAIMS - He said what?  
BACKGROUND - He's from where?  
AUTHORITY - He does this how?

This is it?

OUR MISCONCEPTIONS  
CAN ALWAYS LEAD  
JESUS

THE PATH BACK TO GOD

John 6:43-46 - "Jesus answered them, 'Do not grumble among yourselves."

44 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.

45 It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me -

46 not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father."

GOD'S PEOPLE HAVE A RICH HISTORY  
OF TURNING THEIR NOSE UP  
AT WHAT GOD PROVIDES

Numbers 11:4-6 - Now the rabble that was among them had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, "Oh that we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

Isaiah 53:2-3 - For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

IT'S HARD FOR MOST OF US TO  
IMAGINE WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE HUNGER

Many of us aren't starving,  
just full of the wrong things,  
so Jesus isn't palatable

WE DON'T WANT OR NEED THAT (JESUS)

God helps us see our true  
hunger.

BIG IDEA

JESUS SEES FATHER  
YOU NEED TO SEE JESUS TO SEE FATHER

YOU NEED GOD'S HELP TO SEE  
YOU NEED THE BREAD OF LIFE

IF LIFE IS HUNGRING YOU,  
GOD LOVES YOU

① WE NEED GOD'S DRAWING  
IN ORDER TO SURVIVE  
- OUTSIDE FORCES, STRONG

② WE NEED GOD'S TEACHING  
IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND

HUMANITY

Isaiah 54:11-14 - "O afflicted one, storm-tossed and not comforted, behold, I will set your stones in antimony, and lay your foundations with sapphires. I will make your pinnacles of agate, your gates of carbuncles, and all your wall of precious stones. All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the peace of your children. In righteousness you shall be established; you shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near you."

Jeremiah 31:31-34 - "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

GRUMBLES

↳ YOUR RESISTANCE IS LITERALLY  
KEEPING YOU FROM GOD

YOU NEED HUMILITY TO  
SEE GOD, NOT THIS PRIDE  
YOU HAVE IN THE WAY

THE REASON IT MATTERS

John 6:47-51 - "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.

48 I am the bread of life.

49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.

50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.

51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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THE MORE FULL WE ARE,  
THE MORE PRIDE WE BELONG  
THE HUNGRIER WE ARE  
THE MORE DESPERATE  
WE BELONG TO  
NEVER FEEL  
THAT WAY AGAIN

Something is missing!  
• People ruin their  
lives over this  
• A matter of life  
& death; must  
be fulfilled  
in Jesus  
• Nothing else will hold.

HOW DOES HE SATISFY?

Psalm 107:9 - For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

Psalm 22:26 - The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord! May your hearts live forever!

Psalm 16:11 - You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

GOD CAN GIVE & TAKE AWAY,  
BUT HE WILL SATISFY ONLY  
WITH HIMSELF.