

# The Bread of Life

In John 5, Jesus heals a lame man on the Sabbath in Jerusalem at the pool of Bethesda. After being persecuted by the Jews for working miracles on the Sabbath and for claiming equality with God, 5.18, Jesus went on to teach about His authority, the ministry of John the Baptist, and how Moses had written about Him. Today, we're going to look at John 6 and learn how Jesus is the bread of life.

## I. John 6.1-35 - Understanding the Background.

- A. 6.1-13 - Jesus Feeds the 5000. A clear demonstration of divine power.
- B. 6.14-15 - Crowds: Amazed.
- C. 6.26 - Jesus identifies the real motive for the majority of His followers.
- D. 6.29-35 - Jesus is the bread of life for the world,... sent from heaven by God.

## II. Jesus' Role.

- A. See His preexistence.
  - 1. 6.32b-33 - Jesus is the **bread of God** who came down out of heaven. See also 6.38, 46.
  - 2. 6.50-51, 58 - *I am the **living** bread.* Jesus is eternal.
  - 3. See 3.13; 6.46; 8.42; 13.3. From where did Jesus come?
- B. See His purpose.
  - 1. 6.38 - Jesus came to do the will of him **who sent me**.
  - 2. Why did the Father send the Son? See 6.37; 39-40; 44.
- C. See His promise. *What does the bread do for us? Why so important?*
  - 1. 6.33, 35 - The bread gives **life**, i.e., spiritual life.
  - 2. 6.40, 47 - **Eternal** life; 6.50 - eat it... **not die**; 6.51b; 6.53-54, 58.
    - a. How does this eternal life get in us? Galatians 2.20; Romans 6.3-6.
    - b. Romans 6.5 - In our baptism we were **united** with Christ.

## III. Our Responsibility.

- A. 6.35 - We have to come to Jesus. *No one who **comes** to me will ever be hungry...*
  - 1. 6.37b - **There is always room for you.** Isaiah 55.1, 3a, 6-7.
- B. 6.40 - **Sees the Son** (NASU: behold.)
  - 1. See 8.51 where Jesus talks about *seeing death*. (Experience.)
  - 2. See also 17.24. "See" means "full exposure," "full experience."
- C. 6.35 - We must **believe**. *Whoever **believes** in Me, shall never thirst.* See 6.40, 6.47; 5.24; 1.12 - We must "receive" Him.
- D. 6.50-58 - We must believe in His deity and His sacrificial death.

## Conclusion:

- A. How will you respond? Will you believe on Him?