

The Bread of Life (Part 8)

John 6:66-71

Theme of John: Jesus as the Son of God

The Structure of Chapter 6: 2 Signs, 3 Addresses, A Divided Response

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The Structure of Chapter 6:

Sign 1: Jesus Feeds the 5,000 (1-14)

Sign 2: Jesus Walks on Water (15-21)

Address 1: Jesus Challenges the Crowd (22-40)

Address 2: Jesus Challenges the Jews (41-51)

Address 3: Jesus Challenges the Disciples (59-65)

A Divided Response: True and False Disciples (66-71)

66 As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew and were not walking with Him anymore.

67 So Jesus said to the twelve, "You do not want to go away also, do you?"

68 Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life.

69 "We have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God."

70 Jesus answered them, "Did I Myself not choose you, the twelve, and yet one of you is a devil?"

71 Now He meant Judas *the son* of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the twelve, was going to betray Him.

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Theme: Believe in Jesus, the bread of life, and receive life eternal!

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3 Realities

Reality 1: False Disciples Withdraw (66)

18 "Hear then the parable of the sower.

19 "When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil *one* comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road.

20 "The one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places,
this is the man who hears the word and immediately
receives it with joy;

21 yet he has no *firm* root in himself, but is *only* temporary,
and when affliction or persecution arises because of the
word, immediately he falls away.

22 "And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

23 "And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty."

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19 They went out from us, but they were not *really* of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but *they went out*, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us.

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9 Make every effort to come to me soon;

10 for Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens *has gone* to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.

28 "Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

29 "I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock;

30 and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them.

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13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets."

15 He *said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

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64 "But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him.

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12 "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."

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63 "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

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34 "Let us alone! What business do we have with each other, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!"

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Reality 3: Jesus Knows the Heart (70-71)

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Conclusion

Implication 1: Don't Be Surprised by False Disciples

Implication 2: Trust In Jesus and His Words

Implication 3: Rest In Jesus and His Judgment