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

22 The next day the crowd that stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other small boat there, except one, and that Jesus had not entered with His disciples into the boat, but *that* His disciples had gone away alone.

23 There came other small boats from Tiberias near to the place where they ate the bread after the Lord had given thanks.

24 So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they themselves got into the small boats, and came to Capernaum seeking Jesus.

25 When they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, "Rabbi, when did You get here?"

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26 Jesus answered them and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled.

27 "Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal."

28 Therefore they said to Him, "What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?"

29 Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent."

30 So they said to Him, "What then do You do for a sign, so that we may see, and believe You? What work do You perform?"

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31 "Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread out of heaven to eat.' "

32 Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven.

33 "For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world."

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34 Then they said to Him, "Lord, always give us this bread."

35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst.

36 "But I said to you that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe.

37 "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.

38 "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

39 "This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day.

40 “For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.”

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Theme of the Bible: God is redeeming a people for His Son, by His Son, to His own glory. (Tom Pennington)

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29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to *become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;

30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

Romans 8:29–30

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8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that
not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God;

9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Ephesians 2:8–9

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18 When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, "Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance *that leads* to life."

Acts 11:18

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3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the
heavenly *places* in Christ,

4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the
world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him.
In love

Ephesians 1:3–6

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5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ
to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,
6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely
bestowed on us in the Beloved.

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6 "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You gave Me out of the world; they were Yours and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.

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1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,

Ephesians 2:1

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14 But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.

1 Corinthians 2:14

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4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love
with which He loved us,

5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us
alive together with Christ (by grace you have been
saved),

6 and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the
heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus,

Ephesians 2:4–7

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7 so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

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Part 1: Divine Sovereignty

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us,
who *is* against us?

32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him
over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give
us all things?

33 Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the
one who justifies;

Romans 8:31–39

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34 who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

Romans 8:31–39

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36 Just as it is written,

“For Your sake we are being put to death all day long;
We were considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer
through Him who loved us.

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38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels,
nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers,

39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be
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D.A. Carson- John is not embarrassed by this theme, because unlike many contemporary philosophers and theologians, he does not think that human responsibility is thereby mitigated.

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Richard Philips- The question might be asked, "How can we both hold to full divine sovereignty in salvation, so that God has predestined certain people to eternal life, and also teach full human responsibility, so that people must believe in order to be saved?" The answer is that we believe both of these propositions because the Bible teaches both.

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Implication 2: Trust Christ's Power of Preservation

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Calvin- To every man, therefore, his faith is a sufficient attestation of the eternal predestination of God, so that it would be a shocking sacrilege to carry the inquiry farther; for that man offers an aggravated insult to the Holy Spirit, who refuses to assent to his simple testimony.

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