

Pastor Jim Jackson, 9/14/25
Days With Jesus, Day 16—The Bread From Heaven
John 6:22-40

Jesus arrives in CAPERNAUM

After the crowd was miraculously fed by the Sea of Galilee, they saw the disciples get into the only boat and leave without Jesus. The next day, they couldn't find Jesus, so they got into boats that arrived that morning and sailed for Capernaum. *When you feel lost, seek Jesus!* When they arrived, Jesus was teaching at the synagogue, and they wondered how he arrived before them without a boat. But, instead of telling the miracle of walking on water, Jesus ignores the question and confronts their superficial loyalty. *Shallow devotion never produces deep Christians* (James 4:8)!

The crowd arrives in DISBELIEF

Instead of wanting Jesus because of his *divinity*—which gave him the power to produce the miracles they were seeking—the crowd just wanted his *ability* to satisfy them with no strings attached. Jesus challenged their desire to have a Messiah of their own making rather than accept the Savior as he really is. *There is no such thing as discipleship without demands* (Matt. 16:24-26). Unlike the food they had eaten the day before that left them hungry the next morning, Jesus says he will give them 'eternal food' as payment if they will do the things that are required of a disciple. Once the crowd hears Jesus say they will get favor and eternal food from God if they 'work,' they ask what the work entails. Jesus says it's not physical labor but simply believing in him and *his work*. *Jesus has done all the physical labor so believers can get all the spiritual reward* (Rom. 6:23)!

Jesus arrives with BREAD

It was a popular belief in the first century that God would raise up a prophet like Moses to rescue the people from Roman oppression the way Moses did in Egypt. Jesus corrects their belief that it was Moses who gave the people food for 40 years in the desert—it was actually God (Ex. 16:11-15). *Good teaching corrects bad belief!* And now, instead of manna or bread that doesn't last, God sent His Son as bread from heaven to nourish the soul for eternity. Like when people eat bread and it fills their stomachs, when people believe in Christ he fills their hearts and blesses their life, both now and forever (John 10:10; Eph. 3:16-18). *The Bread of Life blesses the believer in this life and the next!*