Christians on Campus John Bible Study Summer 2021 John (4)

John 6:32-71

³²Jesus therefore said to them, Truly, I say to you, Moses has not given you the bread out of heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread out of heaven. ³³For the bread of God is He who comes down out of heaven and gives life to the world. ³⁴They said therefore to Him, Lord, give us this bread always. ³⁵Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall by no means hunger, and he who believes into Me shall by no means ever thirst. ³⁶But I have said to you that you have also seen Me, and yet you do not believe. ³⁷All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and him who comes to Me I shall by no means cast out. ³⁸For I have come down from heaven not to do My own will but the will of Him who sent Me. ³⁹And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all which He has given Me I should lose nothing but should raise it up in the last day. ⁴⁰For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes into Him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up in the last day. ⁴¹The Jews therefore murmured concerning Him because He said, I am the bread that came down out of heaven. ⁴²And 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 out of heaven? ⁴³Jesus answered and said to them. Do not murmur among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up in the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught of God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father, except Him who is from God, He has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Truly, truly, I say to you, He who believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, that anyone may eat of it and not die.

⁵¹I am the living bread which came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he shall live forever; and the bread which I will give is My flesh, given for the life of the world. ⁵²The Jews then contended with one another, saying, How can this man give us His flesh to eat? ⁵³Jesus therefore said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life within yourselves. ⁵⁴He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up in the last day. ⁵⁵For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink.

⁵⁶He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me and I in him. ⁵⁷As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me. ⁵⁸This is the bread which came down out of heaven, not as the fathers ate and died; he who eats this bread shall live forever. ⁵⁹He said these things in a synagogue as He taught in Capernaum.

⁶⁰Many therefore of His disciples, when they heard this, said, This word is hard; who can hear it? ⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in Himself that His disciples were murmuring about this, said to them, Does this stumble you? ⁶²Then what if you saw the Son of Man ascending to where He was before?

⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe. For Jesus knew from the beginning who were the ones who did not believe and who was the one who would betray Him. ⁶⁵And He said, For this reason I have told you that no one can come to Me unless it has been given to him from the Father.

⁶⁶From that time many of His disciples went back to what they left behind and no longer walked with Him. ⁶⁷Jesus therefore said to the twelve, Do you also want to go away? ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered Him, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life, ⁶⁹and we have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God. ⁷⁰Jesus answered them, Was it not I who chose you, the twelve? Yet one of you is a devil. ⁷¹Now He spoke of Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the twelve, would betray Him.

Discussion Questions

1. Fill out this table with the verses that show us how the Lord step by step went through a process to become life to us:

Verse(s)	Step
	Incarnation (cf. John 1:14)
	Crucifixion
	Resurrection
	Ascension
	Becoming the life-giving Spirit (cf. 1 Cor. 15:45)

- 2. In verses 35 and 48 Jesus describes Himself as the "bread of life". However, in verse 51, Jesus says that He is the "living bread". These two terms may seem synonymous or interchangeable. However, there is a reason why Jesus calls himself both the bread of life and living bread. Discuss the difference between these terms, and why we need both terms.
- 3. Take turns answering the following: Have you ever experienced being fed by the Bible? If not, how does seeing the Bible as a source of spiritual food change your view / attitude towards it?
- 4. Ephesians 6:17-18 say, "And receive...the sword of the Spirit, which Spirit is the word of God, by means of all prayer and petition." As mentioned in the podcast, receiving the word with prayer is a really great way to handle the Bible! If you have time, try it out! Taking turns, practice turning the word into your prayer! Feel free to use John 6:35 if no other verse comes to mind!