



Jesus - The Bread of Life

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life” (John 6:48).

Following the feeding of about 5,000 with five loaves and two fishes, ending with twelve baskets of fragments left over, Jesus taught the multitudes that flocked to Him with a parable.

“And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when camest thou hither? 26: Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled. 27: Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed. 28: Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? 29: Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. 30: They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work? 31: Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat. 32: Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. 33: For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. 34: Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. 35: And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. 36: But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not. 37: All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. 38: For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. 39: And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath

given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. 40: And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day. 41: The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven. 42: And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven? 43: Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves. 44: No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. 45: It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me. 46: Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father. 47: Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. 48: I am that bread of life. 49: Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. 50: This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. 51: I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. 52: The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat? 53: Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. 54: Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will

raise him up at the last day. 55: For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. 56: He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. 57: As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. 58: This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever. 59: These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum. 60 Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it? 61 When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you? 62 What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before? 63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. 64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him. 65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father. 66 From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. 67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? 68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life" (John 6:25-68).

- 1) Where was Jesus teaching this parable (vs 59)?
- 2) Which event preceded this teaching, and how is the theme of this teaching "The Bread of life" significant to it (vs 26)?
- 3) What do you understand by the phrase "the meat which perisheth" and "that meat which endureth unto everlasting life" (vs 27)?
- 4) What did the multitudes refer to as doing the work's of God (vs 28)?
- 5) The ensuing discussions (vs 29-31) revealed the true motive of these followers. What were they expecting from Jesus?
- 6) Jesus identified two types of bread in verses 32 and 33 - what are they?

- 7) What did Jesus mean when He said "I am the bread of life" (vs 35,48)?
- 8) Explain the significance of the statement "him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (vs 37).
- 9) What was the overriding purpose of Jesus in life and ministry (vs 38), and how should that be reflected in ours?
- 10) How secure are followers of Jesus (vs 39)?
- 11) What is the secret to having everlasting life (vs 40,47)?
- 12) How did the multitude respond to Jesus' teaching and how does that reflect their true nature (vs 41-44)?
- 13) What difference does the bread of life make over the ordinary bread (vs 49-51)?
- 14) Jesus develops His message further and gave additional clues in verses 52-56. What are these?
- 15) Where did Jesus come from (vs 57-58)?
- 16) How did Jesus teaching affect the multitude and the true disciples (vs 60-68)?
- 17) What was the underlying reason for the differences in these responses (vs 64-65)?
- 18) What role does the Holy Spirit play in receiving God's word (vs 63)? And what part has the people to play in this?
- 19) How can we identify those that are given to Jesus by God (vs 65)?
- 20) In what ways are contemporary Christians eating the bread of life?
- 21) What ordinance did Jesus institute to help us remember this message?
- 22) What was Peter's response to Jesus' question "Will ye also go away" (vs 67,68)?
- 23) How was Peter's response confirmed in His later life and Ministry?
- 24) What is your personal response to this question "Will ye also go away" (vs 67)?