

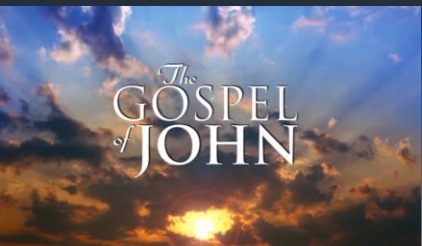
John 6

Feeding the Multitude

- The Context
- The Sign
- The Result
- Jesus' Teaching

The Context

- Jesus does what God has already done (5:19)
 - Creation/Light and Life – Chapter 1
 - Raised up like the serpent (Chapter 3)
 - Water (Chapter 4)
 - Bread/Food (Chapter 6)
- Exodus Symbolism
 - The Passover was near (v4)
 - Moses crossing the sea and going up on the mountain
 - Where are we going to get food? (Num. 11:13)
 - Don't forget Deuteronomy 18:15



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- But First, The Test
 - Mass of people (5,000 men + women/children)
 - What is the nature of this “test?”
 - Their response: We don't have enough!
 - The right answer: We are insufficient, but You are not!
- The Sign
 - Everyone is completely filled – Jesus satisfies!
 - “Nothing may be lost” – 12 baskets?
 - Life would be given
 - God's desire is that the entire nation would be saved!

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- “This is truly the Prophet who has come into the world.”
 - Which prophet were they referring to?
 - Have they seen the sign?
- They are still drawing a false conclusion
 - They don't see him as the life-giver
 - They are still coming for the wrong reason
- Were they wrong to think of Him as a King?

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- But First, Jesus Rescues His Disciples
 - Why does John put this here? Cf. Mark 6:51-52
- They are seeking Him for physical reasons
 - Jesus is always trying to elevate their thinking beyond the physical
 - Nicodemus (born again)
 - Samaritan woman (living water)
 - Work for food which endures to eternal life
 - True spiritual satisfaction
 - Provides soul what it needs for eternal life
 - Every other kind of food perishes

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- Working the works of God
 - Jesus doesn't give them a big long list!
 - Is belief all that is necessary?
 - Does the Bible teach we are saved by works?
 - Romans 2:5-8; James 2; 2 Cor. 5:10; 1 Pet. 1:17
 - Is believing faith a work?
 - God has already done the work!
 - Faith drives us to life-changing obedience
 - Faith, as demonstrated by obedience, results in eternal life

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- “What then do you do for a sign?”
 - They wanted their bellies filled
 - Moses did that for 40 years!
 - Remember 6:14 (the previous day)
 - If Jesus is a Prophet like Moses, he should be able to feed them every day
- True bread out of Heaven
 - It is not Moses who has given
 - But it is My Father who gives
 - Isaiah 55:1-3

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- “I am the bread of life” – not the giver, but THE bread
- If you belong to the Father, then you come to Jesus (37)
- Everyone who believes in Jesus, Jesus raises up (39)
- “No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him” (v.44)
 - No one comes to Jesus on their own
 - Gal. 1:6 “I am amazed that you are deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ”
 - I Cor. 1:9 “God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son”
 - I Peter 1:15 “But like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves”

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- How are we drawn by the Father?
 - And they shall be taught of God (45)
 - Isaiah 54:13
 - Jeremiah 31:31-34
 - Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me (45)
 - 1 Thess 4:9 “you have been taught by God to love...”
 - 2 Thes. 2:13-14
 - John 5:37-47 – Jews were not taught of God!!

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- Not arbitrary predestination!
 - Not telling the Jews “Stop grumbling, because God didn't choose you.”
 - He is telling them “Stop grumbling, because you haven't learned from God and come to Jesus.”
 - You don't know God, even though you know the Law!

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- What is Jesus' teaching?
 - You don't come to God unless God draws you
 - When God draws you with the Word, you learn about Jesus, and that Jesus is the bread of life
 - When we TRULY understand that Jesus is the bread of life and consume what He says as our soul's ONLY satisfaction, our life becomes radically different
 - When our lives become radically different, we belong to God through faith in Jesus and obedience
 - When we are God's, we belong to Jesus, and Jesus will not cast us out, but will save us on the last day!

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- How does Jesus teach?
 - This is difficult for them
 - Jesus doesn't "dumb it down" for them
 - Jesus doesn't chase down those who walk away to try to explain it a different way
 - They (We) HAVE to understand this, or we will not receive eternal life!

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John 7

The Feast of Booths

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The Context

- The Feast of Booths (Lev. 23:33-43)
 - Last of the fall festivals – end of agricultural year
 - Primary purpose: Celebrate God's care for Israel
 - Remembrance of wilderness journey
 - Celebration feast after gathering the crops
 - Looking forward to Messiah
 - Other ceremonial things added later
 - Carrying water from pool of Siloam to pour into the basin near the altar in the Temple

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