

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 6:22-35

Jesus the Better Bread

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JOHN 6

Q: What does it look like to be a true disciple of Jesus?

A: True disciples respond to the Word of God—Christ and His teachings—in Faith

- The **content** of this chapter reveals that Jesus does not just supply the bread of life, He is the bread of life, eternal life
- The **outcome** of this chapter is the separation of true and false disciples by their response to God's Word

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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."

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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?" 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."

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."

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Main Point – True disciples will *seek, believe in and understand* Christ as the true bread from Heaven that gives all-satisfying life to the world

➤ This is a "Didactic Dialogue" – Jesus' instruction comes as a result of the crowd's questions

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JESUS THE BETTER BREAD**I. True Seeking**

- Jesus condemns the crowd for seeking him with materialistic motives
- Jesus reveals that there is food worth seeking that is far superior to physical bread because it comes from God as a gift of eternal fulfillment

Implication:

- *True disciples set their pursuit on Christ rather than temporary things that cannot truly satisfy*

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JESUS THE BETTER BREAD**II. True Working**

- The crowd focuses their attention on their own role rather than the role of the giver
- God requires faith in the proper object – Christ

Implication:

- *True disciples put their faith in Christ as their sufficient merit, not in their own work to please God*
(cf. Rom. 3:28, 4:1-5; Gal. 2:16; Eph. 2:8-9)

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JESUS THE BETTER BREAD**III. True Understanding**

- The crowd conditions their belief on receiving a sign they judge as greater than the manna provided in the wilderness (cf. Exodus 16:1-21)
- Jesus corrects the crowd's misunderstanding with two clarifications about the manna—its *origin* and its *function*.

Implication:

- *True disciples believe on account of God's word, not arbitrary "signs"*

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JESUS THE BETTER BREAD➤ **Conclusion: *True Responding***

- Jesus claims to be the bread of life that fills all hunger and quenches all thirst

Implication:

- *True disciples will come to and believe in Jesus as their ultimate satisfaction*

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