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**Recap**

- Jesus mentions several important witnesses to Him
  - John the Baptist
  - Jesus’ works
  - The Father was also a witness
  - The Scriptures testified to Him
- Jesus rebuked them for looking to the Scriptures for life, and not to Him.
- They were working to receive honor from one another, not from God.

**Followed By A Multitude (John 6:1-4)**

*After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. 2 Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased. 3 And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples. 4 Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near.*

- Chapter 6 is a good chapter to go through again and meditate on.
- We don’t know when these events occurred in relation to the events of Chapter
- Jesus will again demonstrate His creative power, and show Himself again to be greater than Moses, in the feeding of the 5,000.

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- The Jews' high view of Moses (*Moshe Rabbeinu*) could be a stumbling block to their receiving Jesus.
- This middle Passover season helps to set up the final Passover in *John*.
- This is the only miracle of Jesus that appears in all four Gospels!
- People are following Jesus because of the signs, and **not** because they are true followers of Him.

**When Jesus Asks You A Question (John 6:5-7)**

*5 Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" 6 But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do. 7 Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little."*

- When Jesus asks you a question, He's not seeking information. He's asking you to examine your heart - or else He's asking you to see and perceive something.
- Philip is a picture here of man's practicality.
- The *denarius* was a common Roman coin. (In the KJV it's translated "penny.") A denarius was a day's pay for a laborer. 200 denarii was about eight months' pay.

**Not Enough Food? (John 6:8-9)**

*8 One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, 9 "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?"*

- Andrew represents another approach: he limits God.

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**Jesus Took The Loaves (John 6:10-14)**

*10 Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. 11 And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost." 13 Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten. 14 Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world."*

- Jesus can take what we have, bless it, then distribute it back to us.
- Notice the abundance: each disciple ended up with his own basket.
- The crowd was now willing to confess that Jesus was the "Prophet Like Moses."

**On The Sea (John 6:15-21)**

*15 Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone. 16 Now when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea, 17 got into the boat, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was already dark, and Jesus had not come to them. 18 Then the sea arose because a great wind was blowing. 19 So when they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near the boat; and they were afraid. 20 But He said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." 21 Then they willingly received Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land where they were going.*

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- Jesus is on His Father’s timetable. He won’t receive man’s testimony, nor will He receive man’s promotion.
- John continues to show us Jesus’ mastery over nature in a different way, by walking on the sea.
- Matthew and Mark say Jesus had told the disciples to go to Capernaum, and He stayed to send the crowds away. He then went up on a mountain to pray.
- A fruitful study in the Gospels is the study of Jesus’ prayer life.
- Note the additional supernatural element here, the propelling of the boat.

**Chasing Down Jesus (John 6:22-25)**

*22 On the following day, when the people who were standing on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other boat there, except that one which His disciples had entered, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with His disciples, but His disciples had gone away alone— 23 however, other boats came from Tiberias, near the place where they ate bread after the Lord had given thanks— 24 when the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they also got into boats and came to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. 25 And when they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, “Rabbi, when did You come here?”*

- This goes to heighten people’s sense that Jesus has supernatural powers.
- They seem to know that Capernaum was Jesus’ base of operations.
- Jesus will again put His finger on what’s spiritually wrong.

**The Work Of God (John 6:26-29)**

*26 Jesus answered them and said, “Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. 27 Do not*

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*labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him.”*  
*28 Then they said to Him, “What shall we do, 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 sent.”*

- Jesus rebukes them by saying that they don't even have the beginning of real faith. They're only following Him to have their needs met.
- We need to work for food that lasts forever! What kind of labor is God looking for? The work of God is to believe in the One He sent.
- We aren't even *capable* of producing eternal life by our works.

### **The True Bread (John 6:30-33)**

*30 Therefore they said to Him, “What sign will You perform then, that we may see it and believe You? What work will You do? 31 Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” 32 Then Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”*

- Jesus makes it all about believing in Him and how He has come down from Heaven to give life to the world.
- The blindness of asking Jesus what sign He will show them so they might believe!
- It's never a good idea to quote the Bible against Jesus...
- Religion eclipses Christ and pushes the true holiness of God to the side - but it cannot avoid magnifying man and elevating saints of its own making.

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- Jesus tries to get them to focus again on the real bread... *and that's Him!*

**I Am The Bread Of Life (John 6:34-40)**

*34 Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this bread always." 35 And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. 36 But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe. 37 All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. 38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. 39 This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. 40 And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."*

- The interested crowd wants this mysterious bread.
- "Lord" should be rendered as "Sir."
- Jesus claims to be able to satisfy the spiritual hunger and thirst of humanity. No one had ever spoken like this other than God Himself. Jesus says, "Come to Me!"
- He reprimands them because despite the signs, they don't believe. However, Jesus is that the Father will give Him a company of people whom He will preserve and raise from death.

**Drawn To Jesus By The Father (John 6:41-51)**

*41 The Jews then complained about 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 says, 'I have come down from heaven'?"*

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43 Jesus therefore answered and said to them, “Do not murmur among yourselves. 44 No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. 45 It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me. 46 Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father. 47 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. 50 This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. 51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.”

- Complaining or murmuring will pop up again in this story, and eventually even the disciples will murmur about Jesus’ teaching.
- This language was shocking, and highly offensive.
- If they don’t believe it is because God has not yet opened their hearts to Him. Our pride doesn’t want to consider that truth, but Scripture is clear that there is none who is good and none who is seeking after God.
- Jesus compares the bread He offers with the manna in the wilderness. The bread He gives is His flesh, which He will give for the life of the world!

**Food And Drink Indeed (John 6:53-59)**

53 Then Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. 54 Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. 55 For My flesh

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*is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. 56 He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. 57 As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me. 58 This is the bread which came down from heaven—not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever.” 59 These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum.*

- The essential requirement for eternal life: eat His flesh and drink His blood. This has been *greatly* misunderstood. Feeding on Him means **believing**.
- A few verses down, Jesus says *the flesh profits nothing*, and the *Spirit* gives life.
- To gain clarity in your own thinking, read *Hebrews* and see how Christ died once, and that His one, singular death on the Cross was sufficient to pay for sins.
- The veil was torn... but God never sewed it back together again.
- See what Jesus says about feeding on Him:
  - Unless you do so, you have no life within you.
  - If you do you have eternal life, and He'll raise you up.
  - If you eat that bread, you will live forever!

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