

# JOHN 6:1-71

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1. Begin by reading John 6:1-3. Jesus traveled to the eastern shore of the Sea of Galilee where he was confronted by a large crowd. According to verse 2, why is the large crowd pursuing him?

Think for a moment about this crowd pursuing Jesus. What words would you use to describe the individuals in this crowd? Circle the words that could also describe you in your pursuit of Jesus.

2. Read John 6:4-14. The feeding of the 5,000 is the only miracle performed by Jesus that is recorded in all four gospels. Briefly describe the dilemma facing Jesus and His 12 disciples recorded in verses 4-6.

This dilemma must have seemed impossible to the disciples, but for Jesus it was an opportunity to teach them a lesson in trust. Read the following portions of Scripture and record the different responses to the problem facing the disciples.

Matthew 14:15

John 6:4-7

John 6:8-9

3. Look again at John 6:10-14. Record what Jesus did with the five barley loaves and two fishes.

What lesson do you think the disciples learned as they gathered the 12 baskets of leftovers?

Recall a time when you gave what you had to kingdom causes and Jesus took it, blessed it and then allowed you to participate in blessing others with what you had given. How were you blessed as you participated in God's plan?

4. Continue by reading John 6:15-21. According to verse 15, why did Jesus withdraw again to the mountains by Himself?

Why might Jesus have taken this action? Look at John 18:36 for insight.

5. The miracle of Jesus walking on the water is also recorded in two of the other gospels. Read Matthew 14:22-33 and Mark 6:45-52 and record the additional information found in these two gospels.

Using all three of these gospels for reference, make a list of all the miracles that Jesus performed on that stormy night on the Sea of Galilee.

6. Read John 6:22-29. Describe the mystery that the crowd encountered the morning after Jesus fed the 5,000.

Verse 24 records that they “got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.” What are some possible motives for the crowd to be seeking Jesus?

What does Jesus say their motive is in verses 26-27?

7. Reread John 6:28-29 along with Ephesians 2:8-10. Using Jesus’ answer in John 6:29 and Paul’s words in Ephesians 2:8-10, how would you explain the connection of salvation and works to an unbeliever?

According to John 6:29, what is the only “work” we need to do to be saved?

8. Continue by reading John 6:30-34. In verses 30-31, the crowd following Jesus demanded signs to prove that He was who He claimed to be. They wanted to see before they would believe. What do 2 Corinthians 4:18, 2 Corinthians 5:7 and Hebrews 11:1 say about believing without seeing?

9. Read John 6:35-59. Verse 35 contains the first of the seven “I Am” statements recorded in the Gospel of John. In response to the crowd asking for a sign like manna from heaven, Jesus states that He is the Bread of Life sent from heaven. Read the following portions of Scripture about manna, the bread from heaven, and compare it to Jesus, the Bread of Life.

Exodus 16:15

Exodus 16:31

Deuteronomy 8:3

John 6:31

John 6:49

10. The manna that fell from heaven sustained the Israelites as they wandered in the wilderness. Jesus, the Bread of Life, not only sustains life, but He also gives life. What statement does Jesus make about the Bread of Life in John 6:50-51?

The Jewish leaders struggled with Jesus’ use of the word “flesh.” They asked the question, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” Use Galatians 2:20, Colossians 1:22 and 1 Peter 2:24-25 to answer their question.

11. Finish by reading John 6:60-71. Many in the crowd following Jesus found it hard to believe what He taught, and they grumbled among themselves. Eventually they walked away from Jesus leaving only His apostles at His side. How did Peter respond when Jesus asked, “Do you want to go away as well?”

Are you able to say these words with confidence? If so, describe in one sentence how your life has changed since the day you placed your trust in the redemptive work of Jesus.

12. Write out a personal prayer request in one or two sentences to share with your small group.

# *I Am the Bread of Life*

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## ***Jesus, the Bread of Life:***

### **FEEDS**

6: 1-21

- \*Looking at the crowd, Jesus saw their need for physical food, as well as \_\_\_\_\_ food.
- \*The disciples looked at the facts and decided it was impossible to feed the large crowd.
- \*Jesus took what was offered, gave thanks to His Heavenly Father, and fed the crowd.
- \*The disciples gathered \_\_\_\_\_ of leftovers.
- \*Jesus performed three miracles on the Sea of Galilee:
  1. He walked on \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. He calmed the storm.
  3. Instantly the boat was at the shore.

***When you trust Jesus, the Bread of Life, to meet your physical needs, He feeds your faith and leads you into a deeper relationship with Him.***

### **SATISFIES**

6: 22-50

- \*The crowd witnessed one of Jesus' greatest miracles and still demanded more evidence.
- \*Jesus reveals two major truths:
  1. It was God the Father, not Moses, who gave the Israelites the bread from heaven.
  2. The Father now gives us \_\_\_\_\_, the true Bread from heaven.
- \*Physical bread gives temporary satisfaction, but the true Bread of Life satisfies eternally.
- \*The Father's will is this: whoever looks to Jesus and believes will receive eternal life.

***Place your trust in Jesus, the Bread of Life, who is able to eternally satisfy all your cravings.***

### **SAVES**

6: 51-71

- \* Eating the body of Jesus and drinking His blood implies \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus.
- \* Because of unbelief, many in the crowd turned away from following Jesus.
- \* The Twelve Apostles were confused, but they chose to stay by Jesus' side.
- \* Peter understood the divine order of believing **then** \_\_\_\_\_.

***Place your trust in Jesus, the Bread of Life, who alone has the words of eternal life.***

**JESUS the WORD – John 6:1-71**

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**1 PETER 1:24-25a** [F]or, “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

**MATTHEW 14:15-16** Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.”

**PHILIPPIANS 2:14-15** Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.

**MATTHEW 14:22** Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

**JOHN 11:40** Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?”

**HEBREWS 11:1** Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

**EXODUS 16:4** Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not.

**JOHN 3:13** No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

**EXODUS 3:14** God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”