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Life Made Flesh

## WHY DO YOU FOLLOW JESUS?

#### John 6

V1-15 - Jesus feeds five thousand.

V16-21 – Jesus walks on water, then gets in the boat and immediately transports to the other side of the sea.

V22 begins with the next day, the people were looking for Jesus in Capernaum.

#### John 6

V25 - When did you get here?

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.

Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.



#### How do the people respond?

> What do we need to do to be doing the works of God?

Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?"



#### Jesus Responds

➤ This is the work of God – believe in him whom he (God) has sent.

Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."



#### The People Ask:

> What sign will you give us so we can see the sign and believe you?

30 So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?



#### The sign has been given

My Father gives you the true bread from heaven.

Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.





## The bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.



For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

JOHN 6:33

#### The People Respond

> Give us this bread always!

They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."





#### 2nd Key Statement:

#### I am the bread of life, whoever comes to me will not hunger and whoever believes in me will never thirst.

Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.



But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe.



All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.



For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.



#### What is the will of the Father?

- 1) To lose nothing, no one he has given me, but to raise it up on the last day. (v39)
- 2) Everyone who looks on the Son and believes should have eternal life, I will raise him up on the last day. (v40)

#### How did the Jews respond?

> They grumbled!

So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven."



#### Why are they not believing Jesus?

➤ He's Jesus, the son of Joseph and Mary, he didn't come from heaven.

They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?"



#### How does Jesus respond to their unbelief?

Don't grumble, only those the Father draws can come to me, they are the ones I will raise up on the last day.

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.





#### 3rd Key Statement:

### 1) No one has seen the Father, except the one who is from God, he alone has seen the Father.

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.





#### 3rd Key Statement:

### 2) Whoever believes in me has eternal life.

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.





#### 3rd Key Statement:

3) I am the bread of life.

I am the bread of life.



#### Contrast Manna with Bread of Life

1) Your fathers ate the manna and they eventually died.

Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.



#### Contrast Manna with Bread of Life

- 1) Your fathers ate the manna and they eventually died.
- 2) Those who eat the bread that comes down from heaven will never die.

This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.



## 1) I am the living bread that came down from heaven.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven.





## 2) Whoever eats of this bread will live forever.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever.





## 3) The bread I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.



#### How did the Jews respond to this?

> They argued amongst themselves.

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"





This is the bread that came down from heaven, bread that is not like the manna our fathers ate, they ate and then died, but whoever feeds on this bread lives forever!



#### How did his followers respond?

> This is hard stuff, who can accept it?

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?"



#### What did Jesus do?

- > Did he apologize?
- > Did he water down his message?

But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said...



#### Jesus Asks Unapologetically

> Does this offend you?

But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this?



#### Jesus Continues in Boldness:

What if you saw me ascend to where I was before?

Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?



It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.



#### What happened next?

- > Revival broke out?
- > 5k souls saved?

After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him.



#### To the Twelve:

- > What about all of you?
- > Do you want to leave me too?

So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?"





### Peter's Response

## Lord, To Whom Shall We Go?





### Why does Peter respond this way?

Because he realizes that only Jesus has the words of eternal life, Jesus is the Holy One of God!



Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, 69 and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."





## Why Do YOU Follow Jesus?