

John 6: 1- 15 Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand.

6: 1 The location. Other side of Lake Galilee.

2 The time of His popularity. Crowds enthralled by His miracles.

3 Jesus spends time in private with His disciples.

4-6 Probably these were pilgrims on the way to Jerusalem. Mark 6: 34 says Jesus had compassion on them, they were like sheep without a shepherd. He asked Philip the question to draw attention to the great needs in preparation for the miracle.

7 A miracle was certainly needed.

8-9 Andrew comes up with a partial answer.

10 Sitting down in readiness to eat shows an element of faith.

11 If we obey the Saviour's instruction our needs will be met.

12-13 There was a super abundance.

14 They began to understand who He was. The Prophet Moses had predicted would come. Moses had given them bread. Now Jesus had given them bread.

15 They intended to crown Him their King but He refused. They had a wrong concept of the Kingdom of God. It is spiritual not like the kingdoms of this world. His throne is not in Jerusalem but in Heaven.

John 6:16 24 Jesus walks on the Water.

16-17 Jesus sends the disciples ahead across the water.

18 We too are promised a safe arrival but not always a smooth passage.

19 In the severe storm far from shore Jesus appeared. They were terrified. Is it a ghost?

20 Fear is dismissed when Jesus is present.

21 A safe and happy arrival.

22-24 Once the crowd realized that Jesus had gone, how and when they knew not, they took to the boats in pursuit of Him.

John 6: 25 Jesus The Bread of Life.

The miracle of feeding the 5000 prepared the way for this teaching.

25 Their curiosity demanded an explanation.

26 The Lord Jesus knows all about us. Their motive in seeking Him was not spiritual but for free food.

27-29 What is most important? Material food that does not last or eternal life. You do not even have to work to gain eternal life. It is a free gift that only Jesus can give you.

30-31 They realize that He is laying claim to be their Messiah but they want more proof. "Moses called down bread from heaven. What will you do?"

32 Not Moses but My Father is the giver of bread – The True Bread!

33 The Real Bread of God who gives life is a Person.

34 They ask for this bread but they think of it still in human terms.

35 "I am The Bread of life". First of the great 'I ams' in John's gospel. Clear declaration and invitation. "He who comes to Me". "He who believes in Me". True faith is active. Coming is the soul's movement toward the "Never hunger", "never thirst" complete eternal satisfaction. Saviour.

36 Though they had seen Him and the sign miracles they failed to believe.

37 All those who do come to Him are given to Him by the Father. All who sincerely come to Him will be received. All who come to Him and are received by Him will never be rejected by Him.

38 "This was My mission from My Father and I will do His will".

39 And this is God's will – I will lose none of them. I will raise them all up from the dead in the resurrection.

40 All who look to The Son, that is believe in Him alone, have eternal life now and will be raised on resurrection day to enjoy the glory promised.

41-42 The grumbling unbelievers express their unbelief. How can He have come down from heaven? We know His family.

43-44 Stop grumbling! Only the Father can convince anyone and draw them to Me. The inference being, you should rather cry to Him for gospel mercy.

45-46 Jesus quotes from the Old Testament which confirms the necessity for the Father to play a direct role in convincing sinners that they should come to Him for eternal life.

47 Emphatic declaration. The Truth! Believers have eternal life!

48 He affirms "I am The Bread of Life".

49 I am not talking about the bread, the manna God supplied your forefathers, that was natural bread. It sustained life for a time but they died.

50 I am talking about spiritual bread which will give eternal life.

51 I am the Living Spiritual bread. This bread is actually His physical body to be sacrificed so that sinners all over the world would receive forgiveness and life.

52 The unbelievers do not understand.

53 The Saviour takes it further. Not only do sinners need to partake spiritually of His flesh but also His blood. Making it clear that sacrifice would be necessary.

54 Personal individual trust in the crucified Saviour means eternal life in resurrection glory.

55-56 "This is real", that is the ultimate spiritual meaning. Believers remain in spiritual togetherness with Him.

57 The link is The Father- The Son sent- The Believer who trusts in Him.

58 This is the fulfillment of the Old Testament symbol of the bread supplied by God from heaven.

59-62 Many of the disciples who had been following Him thus far were disturbed by this teaching. The Lord challenges them! I not only came down from heaven, I will ascend to heaven. What do you think of That?

63 He makes it clear that His words are to be understood spiritually.

64 There were unbelievers among them. Jesus had known those who did not believe and who would betray Him.

65 Unbelief is natural to the human heart. Only The Father can take away the stony heart and replace it with a soft heart.

66 These turned out to be temporary disciples and not real believers. A real believer continues to the end.

67 Jesus challenges the Twelve, the inner group of disciples.

68-69 Peter answers for them all. "There is no alternative. You only offer eternal life and we believe in You".

70-71 Even one of you will prove to be in league with the devil. Judas the betrayer.