

THE GOSPEL *of* JOHN

CHAPTER 6:22-36

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Jesus Always Satisfies”

THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

The bread of life, living bread,

The Summation Sentence -

At some time in our lives, every one of us will begin to question the meaning of our existence or why we are alive in this world... inevitably the question will arise, what is beyond the grave...

Luke 2:30-32

For my eyes have seen Your salvation 31 Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, 32 A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel."

Jesus is desiring to arouse their inner man to consideration

GETTING A MAN TO THINK DEEPER

“The Purpose of a sign was that He might preach the sermon”

1.) *not recognizing what we need the most* *vv. 22-25*

2.) *Jesus desires to provoke their thinking* *vv. 26-27*

3.) *by making salvation reachable for all* vv. 28-29

4.) *Because He is the bread of life* vv. 30-36

Jesus Always Satisfies

1.) *not recognizing what we need the most* vv. 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?"

Jesus Always Satisfies

a.) *the timing of God is always right* v.22

On the following day

John 6:59

These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum.

The synagogue meetings take place on Tuesdays, Thursdays but on Saturdays the old testament text was expounded upon and taught. Jesus is going to turn to what would have been the sabbath day text from the old testament scriptures. He's about to expound on the text which directly applied to the feeding of the 5,000 and Messiah's coming...which was of a divine timing

Verse 24

They came seeking Jesus

Seeking grk 2212 zeteo (dzay-teh'-o);
To make enquiry. To require the presence of another

Do they require Him so that they might **worship**?

Do they require Him so that they might **know God more**?

Do they require Him so that they might be saved from their sins?

The Timing of God is Always Right Jesus Always Satisfies

2.) *Jesus desires to provoke their thinking* vv. 26-27

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 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.**"

Most assuredly – vv.32, vv.47, vv.53, vv.26

the "Most Assuredly's" indicate that the crowd was unbelieving by nature and hard-hearted

Jesus desires to provoke their thinking

a.) *By challenging our motives for why...* v.26

"**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.**

Exposing Their Motive (a delicate surgery to perform)

John 14:10-11

"Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. 11 "Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

challenging our motives for why

Job 38:1-3

Then the LORD answered Job out of the storm. He said: 2 "Who is this that darkens my counsel with words without knowledge? 3 Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me.

There are Two Kinds of Food to be had

the food that nourishes our biology, the food that nourishes our spirituality

We Exercise our bodies
That's good, and we should
We must exercise our spirit
That is the better thing to do

1 Timothy 4:8

For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.

Jesus' desire was to get His audience to exercise their hearts & minds to consider what His mission and purpose was for coming to earth.

Isaiah 55:2

Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy?

Jesus desires to provoke their thinking

b.) By questioning our beliefs and reason v.27a

"Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you,

LABOR vs. Giving

the food which perishes – we sweat for it

the food which endures to everlasting life – we receive it

Imagine Inviting Friends from church over

for dinner tonight. You prepare the meal, the table, the atmosphere
It turns out to be a wonderful time – all are blessed. Until your guest stands up and reaches for his wallet and says now how much do I owe you for this wonderful time

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Verse 27b

because God the Father has set His seal on Him."

According to Jewish Traditions and Rabbinical Teachings

a scroll had descended down out of heaven sealed with a golden seal and upon the seal was the word written – TRUTH!

John 1:17

For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came (descended down from above) through Jesus Christ.

John 6:33

"For the bread of God is He who **comes down from heaven**

John 6:38

"For I have **come down from heaven**

John 6:41-42

The Jews then complained about Him, because He said, "I am the bread which **came down from heaven... 42 I have come down from heaven.**"

John 6:50

"This is the bread which **comes down from heaven,**

John 6:51

"I am the living bread which **came down from heaven.**

John 6:58

"This is the bread which **came down from heaven--** not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead

Jesus Being the Authorized Salvation Jesus Always Satisfies

3.) *by making salvation reachable for all* vv. 28-29

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.**"

THIS IS MAN'S CURSED LOGIC IN ACTION

Galatians 2:16

"knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

Romans 10:2-3

For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. 3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.

Philippians 3:4-9

though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: 5 circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; 6 concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. 7 But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. 8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;

Observation Application

The manna of old is a type of Jesus Christ. When God gave it freely it did not descend from heaven upon the mountaintops so that the people had to scale up to get it. Nor did the manna fall into some steep valley or some deep canyon that made it difficult to retrieve.

The manna settled upon the ground in front of every man's tent... so that each person could just scoop it up and eat it or choose to step over it and go hungry...

Observation Application

Jesus is near every man while they are living
You can have Him by receiving Him and be satisfied for life
Or you can refuse Him and eventually starve yourself to death.

Have You Been Stepping Over His Love for You?

His **Patience** with you?

Have You Been Stepping Over His **Forgiveness** for You?
Over His **Mercy** for You?
What about His **Grace**?

Jesus Always Satisfies

4.) *Because He is the bread of life*

vv. 30-36

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."** 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.**

Exodus 16:15

So when the children of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "This is the bread which the LORD has given you to eat.

6 DAYS A WEEK, FOR 40 YEARS MOSES PROVIDED MANNA - - CAN YOU DO THIS FOR US JESUS?

They had manna in the morning, manna in the evening and manna at suppertime

Manna cakes, Manna waffles, Ba-Manna-Bread
Manicotti and of course Manna Burgers

Verse 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?"

The Rabbis of Old

Taught that when the messiah comes he would duplicate the miracle of the manna from heaven

Teaching that the prophet Jeremiah had taken the manna from the ark and hid it in a secret place and that the messiah would bring with him that hidden manna which would last forever and give eternal life...

Revelation 2:17

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat.

...and the Jews who will be converted to Joshua during the tribulation period will say amen!!!

Verse 32b-34

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." 34 Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this bread always."

"For the bread of God is **He**

Our Salvation is a Person

John 3:17-18

"For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

1 John 2:2

And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

Philippians 2:10-11

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Acts 4:12

"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Verse 32b-34

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

The Manna was only fit to sustain Life
Jesus' Manna gives life

John 6:49

"Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead."

The Crowd Wanted Bread

so that they would not have to labor hard daily
just to survive

Is that so bad a thing?

Verse 35

And Jesus said to them, "**I am the bread of life.**"

This is the First of Seven of the most famous and controversial statements of Jesus Christ known as the "I AM" statements of Christ.

Exodus 3:13-14

Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?" 14 And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

#2

John 8:12

"I am the light of the world.

#3

John 10:7

"I am the door.

#4

John 10:11

"I am the good shepherd.

#5

John 11:25

"I am the resurrection & the life.

#6

John 14:6

"I am the way, the truth, and the life.

#7

John 15:5

"I am the vine.

#1

John 6:35

"I am the bread of life.

Micah 5:2

"But you, O' Bethlehem -- Childhood home of David, Home of Ruth & Boaz & Birthplace of Jesus Beth (house of) lehem (bread)

Jesus Repeatedly

Declared Himself to be God in human Flesh

Revelation 22:13

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."

Revelation 1:17-18

...Fear not; I am the first and the last: 18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore...

Revelation 2:8

These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive

The I AM

Verse 35

**He who comes to Me shall never hunger,
and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.**

Joel 2:26

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you; and My people shall never be put to shame.

Verse 36

**"But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe.
(you're looking past me while I stand in front of you...
even standing in front of you, you will not believe in me)**

Revelation 19:5-9

Then a voice came from the throne, saying, "Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!" 6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunders, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! 7 "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." 8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. 9 Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

Psalm 17:15

As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness.

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