

STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

LESSON 7 - JOHN CHAPTER 6

ASSIGNMENT

READ John chapter 6.

MEMORIZE John 6:51,

"I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

KEY WORDS

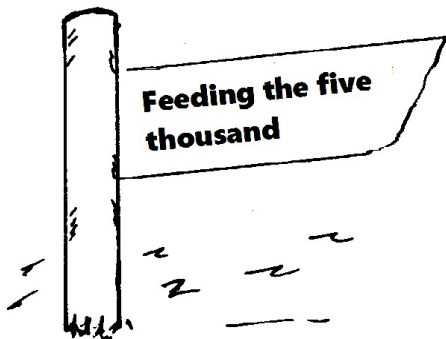
The key words in this chapter are **believe** and **reject**.

OUTLINE OF JOHN CHAPTER 6

- A. Feeding the five thousand, fourth sign, John 6:1-15.
- B. Walking on the water, fifth sign, John 6:16-21.
- C. The first "I am," John 6:22-59.
- D. Test of being a follower, John 6:60-71.

LOOKING AT JOHN CHAPTER 6

- A. **Feeding the five thousand, fourth sign**, John 6:1-15.



READ John 6:1-15.

All four Gospels tell us about the miracle of feeding the five thousand. Read also Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:32-44; Luke 9:10-17.

1. **Place and people.**

Where did Jesus go? John 6:1

He was near the city of (Luke 9:10)

Where did Jesus go? John 6:3

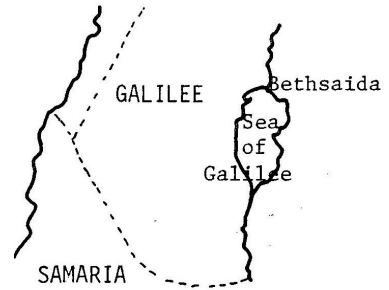
What time of the year was it?

John 6:4

Jesus sat down with His disciples. Many people followed Jesus. How many men were there?

John 6:10

Beside the men there were also
Matthew 14:21.



and

2. A little boy and a little lunch.

Jesus saw all these people come to Him. He was concerned about the people. He taught the people. He healed many people. Then Jesus talked to Philip about feeding the people.



We see Philip as a businessman in this miracle. He quickly counted up how much money it would cost to feed all these people. He said two hundred pennyworth would not be enough to give everyone a little. We believe that the pay for a day's work was a penny (Matthew 20). Philip knew they did not have enough money to buy food for all the people.

Andrew was interested in people. He found a little boy.

What did this little boy have? and

Was he willing to give it away?

It was very small. Jesus took the lunch the boy gave him.

Read John 6:11.

Jesus the loaves, gave

gave to the , the disciples gave to the who were sitting.

Jesus fed many people with this lunch. He blessed many people with it.

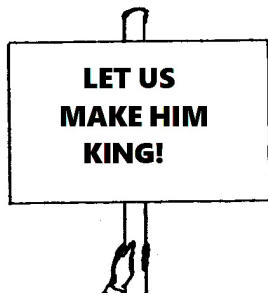
Was there enough for everyone?

Jesus asked the disciples to pick up all that was left over. Jesus did not waste anything.

How much was left over? John 6:13

Have you ever wondered what Jesus would have done if the little boy had refused to give the lunch?

3. Results of the miracle.



What did the people want to do with Jesus because of this miracle?

John 6:15

Was this good or bad?

Why?

The people wanted to make Jesus King. If Jesus was made king he would not go to the cross. Both Jesus and the disciples were facing temptation. Jesus sent His disciples away by ship, Matthew 14:22.

Why do you think He did this?

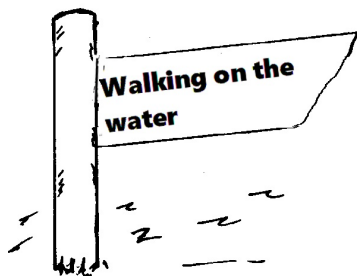
Jesus, Himself, went up onto a mountain to pray.

Why do you think He did this?

The disciples thought Jesus would let the people make Him a King. They were disappointed because Jesus did not let the people make Him a King. Jesus knew His time to be king was later.

Jesus showed His power when He fed the people with bread. Jesus showed that He could give people what they needed to live.

B. Walking on the water, fifth sign, John 6:16-21.



Right after the fourth sign, we have the fifth sign. Only the disciples saw this sign. The disciples of Jesus went out on the lake in a boat. They were in trouble on the water.

What was their trouble?

Jesus went to His disciples. How did Jesus go to His disciples?

The disciples were afraid. They thought it was a ghost.

What did Jesus say to them?

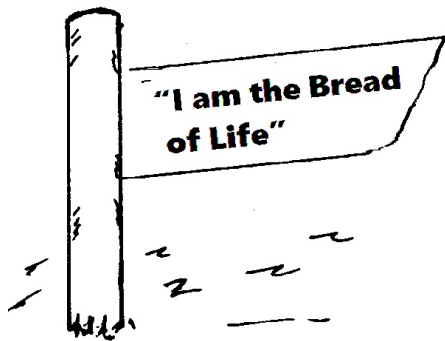


Many times we have troubles. They are like the strong wind and high waves. But Jesus can see us. He will help us. He tells us not to be afraid. For Jesus to help us, we must look to Him. We cannot look at others or at things.

In this miracle Jesus showed His power over that which He had created.

C. The first "I am," John 6:22-59.

1. People reject Jesus Christ.



The day after Jesus fed the 5,000, the people looked for Jesus. They went back to where He fed them. They knew the disciples had taken a boat to go across the lake. There were no other boats for Jesus to use.

When they could not find Jesus, they took other boats which came that way. They, too, went across the lake.

Where did the people find Jesus? John 6:24

What did the people ask Jesus? John 6:25

Jesus did not answer their question.

Jesus immediately told these people WHY they came to Him.

Why did the people look for Jesus? John 6:26

The people were not interested to hear Jesus talk about God. They were interested in eating. Jesus told them,

"Do not work for food that does not last. Work for food that lasts forever," John 6:27 (N.L.T.).

Jesus told the people that He would give them food that will last forever.

What did the people ask Jesus in verse 28?

People today often ask this question. What was the answer Jesus gave?

John 6:29

Within every one of us is a desire to show God how good we are. We do this by doing good works. God wants us to see that we are not good. He wants us to see that only Jesus Christ is good. God wants us to trust in Jesus Christ and not in ourselves. Jesus showed the people God wanted them to “believe in Jesus.”

People are not good must trust **Jesus Christ Who is good**

The people were not ready to believe in Jesus. They rejected Him. They told Him to show them a greater sign to prove that God had sent Him. They told Jesus that His feeding the five thousand was not so great. Moses fed millions of people in the wilderness. Jesus told the people that it was not Moses that fed the people in the wilderness. God fed the people. God also sent His Bread to feed them now.

People said, “Show us a greater sign.”

2. Manna.

Bread in the wilderness. Manna	Jesus, “The Bread of God.” Christ
verse 32, came from	verse 33, came from
verse 32, given by	verse 39, sent by
verse 49, those who ate that bread	verse 51, those who ate the Living Bread

3. “I am the Bread of Life.”

Bread is a picture of life. Bread is also a picture of salvation. Here we find the first “I am.” What did Jesus mean



when He said,

"I am the Bread of Life"?

Verse 35 tells us that if we come to Jesus we will never be
See Matthew 5:6.

John 6:37 tells us that Jesus will never _____ that come to Him.

This means Jesus will never send away anyone
who comes to Him.

Who gives people the desire to come to Jesus?

John 6:44

John 6:44, 54 tell us that in the last day Jesus will

We eat bread to keep our bodies alive.

What does the Bread of Life do for us? John 6:47,54,58

Is eternal life for all people? John 6:51

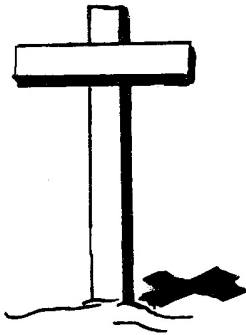
What must we do to get it?

4. Death on the cross.

What did Jesus tell the people? What did He mean when He said,

" . . . eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood," John 6:53.

Jesus used water to picture salvation. He used bread to show that salvation can
truly satisfy a person. Now He is using flesh and blood to picture His coming death on
the cross. He said,



*"The Bread that I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the
life of the world,"* John 6:51.

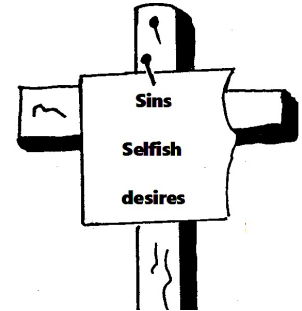
Romans chapter six explains these words. Jesus was not
talking about the bread and wine of the communion.

READ Romans chapter 6.



Christ died in our place even though we are sinners. When we trust Jesus Christ as our personal Savior, His blood makes us clean from all sin, John 1:12; 1 John 1:7-9. His death and resurrection become part of our spiritual life. We do not want to do sinful things any longer.

What does Romans 6:3,4 tell us about the death of Jesus and ourselves?



What does that have to do with the sinful things we want to keep on doing?

Romans 6:6

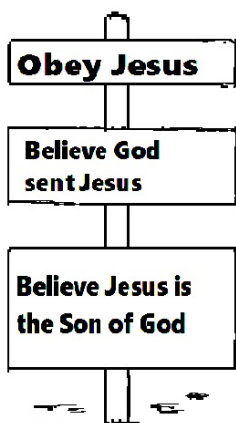
What happened to our old sinful self?

Romans 6:6

Would those who still like to do sinful things want this to happen to them?

When we follow Jesus, we turn away from sin. We are baptized or “put into” the death of Christ. When Christ died He paid for all our sin. All our sins are “nailed to the cross.” These sins are not part of us anymore. Also our selfish desires are to be “nailed to the cross.” They are not to be part of us anymore.

D. Test of being a follower of Christ, John 6:60-71.



Tests of a true follower

Many followers (disciples) in Jesus' day did not understand the words of Jesus. They did not know what He meant by “My flesh” and “My blood.” The followers said,

“This is an hard saying; who can hear it?” John 6:60.

Yes, they found it hard to understand how they could eat the flesh of Jesus and drink His blood. Jesus said,

“Does this offend you?” John 6:61.

There was more. Jesus asked what they would do when He would go back to heaven.

Some found it too hard to understand. Some found it too hard to “hear” or do the words of Jesus. They did not want to give up their sin. They did not want to give their

lives to Jesus. Many followers (disciples) walked away.

Many followers left Jesus. Then He looked at His twelve disciples.

What did He ask them? John 6:67

What did Peter say to Jesus?

The test of being a true follower of Jesus Christ is when we do what he tells us to do. Also we must believe that Jesus Christ is the One God sent. We must believe Jesus Christ is the Son of the living God. We must want to have Jesus Himself. One of the twelve disciples was not a true follower of Jesus Christ.

Who was he? John 6:70,71

IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER

1. Many people are more interested in the things of the world than they are interested in the things of God.
2. Those who put their trust in Jesus Christ will be satisfied.
3. When we trust Jesus Christ as our Savior, His death and resurrection become part of our spiritual lives. We no longer want to do the sinful things.
4. To be a true follower of Jesus Christ, we must:
 - 1) obey Jesus,
 - 2) believe God sent Jesus,
 - 3) believe Jesus is the Son of God.

WORDS TO LEARN

1. business man - a man who buys and sells.
2. created - something made out of nothing.
3. deceive - to make someone believe what is not true.
4. disappointed - when something we thought would happen did not happen.
5. disobey - when we are told, "do this" and we understand it, but do not do it, or when we are told, "don't do this" and we understand it but we do it.
6. feast - a time when we use a meal to help us remember something in a special way.
7. manna - the food that God gave to the people of Israel when they were in the wilderness for 40 years.
8. material - things like food, clothes, home.

Lesson 7 - Review

Choose the right answer and write it on the blank.

1. In John chapter 6 we read about Jesus feeding
 - a. one thousand men.
 - b. four thousand men.
 - c. five thousand men.
2. When Jesus fed these people, they wanted to
 - a. kill Him.
 - b. make Him their king.
 - c. accept Him as they would accept God.
3. The boy who gave his lunch had
 - a. two loaves and five fish.
 - b. five loaves and two fish.
 - c. seven loaves and a few fish.
4. When the people finished eating
 - a. there was nothing left over.
 - b. there were seven basketfuls left over.
 - c. there were twelve basketfuls left over.
5. Jesus walked on the water and
 - a. many people saw him walking on the water.
 - b. Peter and John saw Jesus walking on the water.
 - c. all the disciples saw Jesus walking on the water.
6. Later the people looked for Jesus because
 - a. they had eaten the loaves.
 - b. they wanted to hear Jesus talk about God.
 - c. they did not know what happened to Jesus.
7. When Jesus said "eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of His blood," He talked about
 - a. His body as food for our bodies.
 - b. His death on the cross.
 - c. the bread and wine of communion.
8. When Jesus spoke about His flesh and His blood,
 - a. His twelve disciples left Jesus.
 - b. many of the followers (disciples) of Jesus left Him.
 - c. all the people left Him.
9. Peter said to Jesus,
 - a. "You are the Son of the living God."
 - b. "You can give us food every day."
 - c. "It is all right if these people leave You."
10. Write out John 6:51 on another sheet of paper.