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#### Announcements

- Lottie Moon Christmas Offering: Help support international • mission efforts by supporting the International Mission Board.
- Family Dinner, every Sunday 12:00-?. Everyone is invited.
- Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 7:00 PM: Come pray with us for our church, and our community.
- New World View class for kids: Sundays, 6:00 PM. Help kids learn the truth of Jesus Christ to understand the world and live faithfully in it.

### The True Bread from Heaven Part 2, John 6:35-71; Exodus 16.

Today's Point: Without fail, all whom the Father gives to the Son will be raised up, but some who do not truly believe will be among the disciples.

### **An Extended Metaphor**

- Jesus compares himself to the life-giving manna that God gave the • Israelites in the wilderness. See Exodus 16. The point of contrast is that the life Jesus gives is permanent whereas the Israelite that ate manna eventually died, John 6:49, 51, 32-33.
- Since this is clearly a metaphor, Jesus cannot mean that we must literally ٠ eat his flesh and drink his blood (such as transubstantiation) rather he clearly states that it is believing (faith) that grants salvation in Him. John 6:29, 30-31, 35, 36, 40, 47, 64, 69.
- "Eating" and "drinking" represent wholehearted acceptance of Jesus the kind that comes with true faith. It is seen in those who do not leave him after such hard teaching, John 6:66-69. Yet even then, Judas remained for reasons other than true faith.

## **Unfailing Salvation**

- An unbroken progression:
  - The Father draws people. John 6:44-45, 65.
  - These people look upon Jesus, believe, and come to (follow) 0 Jesus. John 6:40, 29, 69, 45.
  - Jesus gives them life. John 6:27, 33, 35, 47, 51, 54. 0
  - Jesus gives them resurrection. John 6:39-40, 44, 54.
- In this Jesus will not fail, John 6:35, 37-40, because it is the will of the Father which he came to do.
- Implication: Anyone who is drawn by the Father and given to the Son that is not ultimately raised represents a failure of Jesus to do the will of the Father. This would be a sin.

#### Fruits of Faith

- Remember, eating and drinking represent wholehearted acceptance of Jesus. The passage clearly shows unbelievers challenging Jesus and turning away. John 6:30, 36, 41, 52, 60-61, 66. This is not wholehearted acceptance.
- Yet even good fruits do not produce absolute certainty. See Matthew ٠ 7:21-24, and the example of Judas, below.

#### **False Converts**

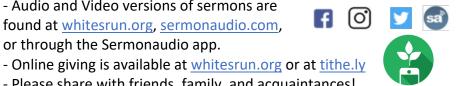
- The people that followed him into the wilderness, John 6:2, had some degree of belief, John 6:15, and followed him back to Capernaum, John 6:22-25. But Jesus accuse them of not believing, John 6:36, some grumble, John 6:41, then disputed, John 6:52, and many turned back, John 6:66.
- Notice that Judas is described as chosen by Jesus, John 6:70, yet is ٠ unbelieving, John 6:64. He is not described as drawn by God, saved, having eternal life or moving toward resurrection. In fact, he is absent during Jesus' discourse and prayer in John 14-17.
- Many people will be found following Jesus for the wrong reasons. See John 6:26: Matthew 13.

#### Encouragements

- Keep following Jesus even when it gets tough.
- Be encouraged by the good fruit you bear and more encouraged by your continued seeking and finding.

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