

Gospel of John
[Bread of Life Discourse (Part 5 (John 6:41-48))]

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-Jesus is the bread from heaven that gives life (vs. 33, 38, 51, 58).

-Jesus' heavenly origin is a regular theme in John's gospel (1:1; 3:13, 31).

-Familiarity breeds contempt (vs. 41, 42). See Mark 6:1-4; John 4:43, 44.

-Jesus knows of the total inability of His hearers to embrace His message apart from divine assistance (v. 44; Rom. 8:7). v. 44: draw = drag (John 18:10; 21:6, 11; Acts 16:19; 21:30; James 2:6)

-Jesus quotes from Is. 54:13 in v. 45. In the NT, the gathering of NC community is the typological fulfillment of the restoration of Jerusalem after the Babylonian exile.

-v. 46: No one can know the Father apart from the revelation of Him in Jesus Christ because He alone has seen the Father.

Practical Lessons

1) Our ideas about Jesus of Nazareth must come from the Bible.

2) Our grumbling against others is really grumbling against God.

3) People are incapable of coming to Christ apart from divine enablement.