

Gospel of John
[Bread of Life Discourse (Part 6 (John 6:49-59))]

I. The Setting of the Discourse (vs. 1-21)

A. Feeding of the Five Thousand (vs. 1-15)

B. Walking on the Water (vs. 16-21)

II. The Substance of the Discourse (vs. 22-59)

-Introduction (vs. 22-24)

A. People's Query / Jesus' Reply #1 (vs. 25-27)

B. People's Query / Jesus' Reply #2 (vs. 28, 29)

C. People's Query / Jesus' Reply #3 (vs. 30-33)

D. People's Request / Jesus' Response (vs. 34-40)

E. People's Grumbling / Jesus' Response (vs. 41-51)

-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)

-Jesus quotes from Is. 54:13 in v. 45. In the NT, the gathering of the 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.

-Jesus is the bread from heaven that is superior to the manna in the wilderness because it imparts eternal life (vs. 49-51).

-The bread is Jesus' flesh, His death on the cross (v. 51).

F. People's Arguing / Jesus' Final Response (vs. 52-59)

-Jews think in physical terms. Jesus speaks in spiritual terms (v. 52).

-Eating Jesus' flesh and drinking Jesus' blood = faith in Him; not physical, but spiritual

-“I will raise him up on the last day” (vs. 39, 40, 44, 54) All the same people. Therefore coming to Jesus = believing in Jesus = looking at Jesus = eating His flesh and drinking His blood

Practical Lessons

1) What John 6 doesn't teach.

2) What John 6 does teach.