

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

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Title: "Bread Delivered from Heaven" (Part 1)

Text: John 6:22-71

1. The events of John 6 took place over a period of two days, and the chapter is divided into two parts (one part for each day).
 - A. The PICTURE of the Bread of Life (6:1-15).
Jesus' miracle of the feeding of the 5,000.
 - B. The PRESENTATION of the Bread of Life (6:22-71).
Jesus offers himself as the living bread which came down from heaven.
2. Jesus' teaching on the bread of life *divides into three parts* corresponding to *the three types of hearers* in the audience.
 - A. The first part (vss. 22-40) concerns "the _____"
 - B. The second part (vss. 41-59) concerns "the _____"
 - C. The third part (vss. 60-71) concerns "his _____"
3. What I really want you to notice is the _____ of Jesus at the beginning of chapter 6. But as the chapter unfolds, we observe a drastic change came over these so called "followers".
 - A. **The Jews** began to "grumble" (41).
 - B. **The Jews** began to "argue sharply" among themselves (52).
 - C. Many of **his disciples** were "offended" and were "grumbling" (61), and then "turned back and no longer followed him" (66).
 - D. **One of the Twelve**, whom Jesus identified as "a devil", was "later to betray him."

The longest chapter in John's gospel *begins* with 5,000 (6:10), and *ends* with **ELEVEN** (6:70-71). In other words, "Jesus lost the crowd of 'seekers' with one sermon." (Warren Wiersbe)

4. What happened? What did Jesus say that caused the grumbling, the arguing, the offense, the desertion, & the betrayal among these so-called "seekers", "followers", "disciples"?
ANSWER: Jesus spoke the _____! See 26, 32, 47, 53.

JESUS EXPOSED THEIR _____ (vss. 26-27)

They wanted to take Him as their king, but without the cross!

JESUS TAUGHT THE _____.

Jesus did dilute, camouflage, tone it down, tickle ears (2 Tim. 4:3-4).

1. The _____ of the Son of God.
 - A. Eight times: "the bread that came down from heaven".
 - B. This teaching caused "the Jews" (41-42) & "his disciples" (60-62) to take _____ and to _____.
 - C. These unbelievers objected to seeing in Him anything more than just an ordinary man. That's true of many today!
 - 1) Some see Jesus as a _____.
 - 2) Others see Jesus as a great _____.
 - 3) Still others see Jesus as God's _____.
2. His _____ sacrifice (vs. 51).

"This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

 - A. The concept of substitutionary atonement
 - B. The evidence for substitutionary atonement

CHALLENGE . . .

- 1) In whom / in what are you _____ for your salvation?
- 2) Christian, are making the gospel _____?