

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

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Title: "Bread Delivered from Heaven" (Part 3)

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).
2. Jesus' teaching on the bread of life *divides into three parts* corresponding to *the three types of hearers* in the audience.
3. What I really want you to note is the **POPULARITY** of Jesus at the beginning of chap. 6. But as the chapter unfolds, we observe a drastic change came over these so called "followers".

The longest chapter in John's gospel begins with 5000 (6:10) & ends with ELEVEN (6:70-71). "Jesus lost the crowd of 'seekers' with one sermon" [Wiersbe].

4. What Happened? ANSWER: Jesus spoke the Truth! The discourse on "the bread of life" is a dialogue between Christ and the people—especially the religious leaders ("the Jews"). As Jesus spoke truth to the culture of His day (1st cent. Judaism; A.D. 26-30), we observe **four responses** to the Lord's teaching.

JESUS SPOKE THE TRUTH (6:26, 32, 47, 53)

We observe four responses of the crowd to the Lord Jesus:

1. SEEKING (6:22-40)
2. GRUMBLING (6:41-51)
3. ARGUING (6:52-59)
4. OFFENDED (6:60-63)

What was "the truth" that Jesus spoke that offended them so?

A. The _____ (cp. Phil. 2:5-8)

- B. His _____ atonement (51b)
- C. "Eat my flesh" and "Drink my blood" (vss. 48-58)
- D. " _____ the bread of life" (vss. 35; cp. Ex. 3:14; Jn. 8:58)
- E. The _____ of the natural man to contribute to saving themselves (vss. 36-37, 44, 64-65).

JESUS _____ "HIS DISCIPLES" (6:64-71)

Three attitudes that parallel responses we see today:

- 1. Open _____ (64-66)
"From this time many of his disciples turned back & no longer followed him."
- 2. Firm _____ (67-69)
"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."
- 3. Subtle _____ (70-71)
"Have I not chosen you, the Twelve? Yet one of you is a devil."

MAKING IT PERSONAL:

Two Theological Observations and One Challenge from John 6:

- 1. John 6 reminds us of the human _____ apart from Christ (vss. 44, 63, 65): Dead, Blind, Sinful, Bad, and Helpless.
- 2. John 6 reminds us what God is doing in the world _____ (vss. 39-40): Jesus is building His Church.
- 3. John 6 reminds us of the Church's _____. As Jesus spoke truth to His culture (1st century Judaism); so we are to speak truth in our day to ours.

Quotes from Dr. Erwin Lutzer's book: We Will Not Be Silent: Responding Courageously to Our Culture's Assault on Christianity (2020)