

In The Beginning Was The Word

John 6:41-70

INTRODUCTION: JESUS IS THE TRUE BREAD FROM HEAVEN

THE JEWS DISAGREE THAT JESUS IS FROM HEAVEN

How long was it going to take and how long was it going to be before the Jews and those people around Jesus would believe?

Well the answer to that question has been an age old question for more than 2000 years now, and cannot be answered until they come to him as a nation of people of Israel.

- This is not to say that many have not already come to the Messiah our Lord Jesus already for salvation.

But in general there is very few Jews now, and on an ongoing living and dying basis which will not come to the Lord.

- The argument has not stopped then and has not stopped now about this very question.

But when we get into the text this morning we see the turn of events that comes from the Jews.

As Jesus fed the 5000 people and many many more that came the next day to be fed, it would become a stark contrast as compared to what happened the day before when their needs were met.

Here today in the following scriptures that we are about to engage in we will see the character of the people turn from one of thankfulness to one of unthankfulness.

- It was not until the Lord mentioned these scolding words to the Jews that they would turn against him.
- Why? Well because he told them the truth and the truth hurts and they could not stand to be told the truth.
- Here are the verses that the Jews found offensive. (John 6:34-36).

³⁴ *Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.*

³⁵ *And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.*

³⁶ *But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not.*

³⁸ *For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.*

All through the OT we read about God sending the manna from heaven to feed the hungry people who followed him. Little did they know the significance it would become in later years?

- They had all thought that it was Moses who had supplied them with the nourishment.
- But yet look what happened to Moses when he struck the rock at Meribah. Moses was supposed to speak to the rock for water to come forth to quench the thirst of the Israelites, but in anger Moses struck the rock. Numbers 20:7-13

⁷ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

⁸ Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink.

⁹ And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him.

¹⁰ And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock?

¹¹ And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also.

¹² And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.

¹³ This is the water of Meribah; because the children of Israel strove with the LORD, and he was sanctified in them.

- In Moses disobedience God did not allow him to enter the promised land.

So in contrast to this verse in Numbers 20, the Lord tells them again that Moses does not have the ability to feed you.

³² *Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Moses gave you not that bread from heaven;** but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.*

³³ *For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.*

- For all those years God had fed them and they did not even appreciate it. In fact at one point in their lives when they complained and they rebelled against God asking for quail instead God dealt with them harshly.

Let look at the reasons now as to why the Jews became unhappy, especially now that they are not going to be fed with bread again for their physical need.

For this we begin in John 6:41-70.

⁴¹ The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven.

1. Jews then murmured at him because.
2. I am the bread which came down from heaven.
3. Comparing himself to God the Father.
4. Murmuring is a word used to describe when you are unhappy with a result about something.
5. It was the Jews that murmured.

⁴² And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven?

1. The Jews collectively said and spoke against the Lord. Essentially they were with one voice, one accord.
2. They began to finger point.
3. They started to name names, **Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know?**
4. Even though they had seen the miracles Jesus had done, they still down played the Lord as a person whose family they knew. They never really believed his status.

⁴³ Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves.

1. The murmuring did not go unnoticed by the Lord.
2. The Lord knew their heart.
3. They tried to hide their anger between themselves by murmuring between themselves so that he would not hear. But the Lord heard anyway as he always does and always knows everything anyway.
4. Even though they had anger towards the Lord, the Lord knew that his reply was one to try and save them form themselves.
5. They were deceitful and wicked and their hearts reflected that.
6. They were unsaved with out a savior and did not even know it.
7. The reason for the Lords answer comes out of concern for their souls in verse 44 next.

⁴⁴ **No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.**

1. **No man** just comes and says hey Jesus I want part of the action. **No man** means not even a Jew can barge his way into the kingdom of God.
2. **No man** can come to the Father except God the Father allows it. The heart of a man is what lets him down, and God knows all men's hearts as to whether they are truthful or not.
3. The Father, just like His Son Jesus has the power to save men's souls. It is the Father who acts in accordance with His Son in the Godhead. Nothing is done independently from each other or in secret.
4. The way to the Father is always through His son.

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth**, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, **but by me**.

1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God, and **one mediator** between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

5. There is no back road or back way or entrance into Gods kingdom. There is only one way. **Jesus is the way**.

The Lord has explained to the Jews here again, for the umpteenth time, that he is the only way to heaven.

- i. He even explains how man is drawn by God the Father to His Son for salvation.
- ii. He restates His position in the God head.
- iii. He explains he was sent by His Father to do His will.
- iv. He even explains how the resurrection will take place and how God the Father acknowledges His Sons responsibility for the resurrection in the last days.

⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

⁴⁶ Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father.

⁴⁷ Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

⁴⁸ I am that bread of life.

⁴⁹ Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

⁵⁰ This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

⁵¹ I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

⁵² The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat?

⁵³ Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

⁵⁴ Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

1. Reverence to the living bread
2. Reference to the living water
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⁵⁵ For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

⁵⁶ He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

⁵⁷ As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

⁵⁸ This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

⁵⁹ These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.

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