

JESUS
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- ▶ 1. Need to know Jesus
- ▶ 2. Need to believe in Jesus
- ▶ 3. Need to appropriate Jesus

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- **I. Need to Know Jesus** John 6:1-15
- A. The Miracle - Feeding 5,000
5 loaves and 2 fish
- This was a sign to the multitude. 6:14 All ate and were fed.
- Many ate, and then became followers, others walked away.
- Hebrews 6:4-6 “It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age, if they fall away, to be brought back to repentance, because to their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace.”

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- **II. The Need to Believe IN Jesus.**
- “I am the bread of life.” 6:22-71
- A. The people followed the Lord Jesus 6:26
- *Why were they following?* Temporal things - food
- They saw the signs, but were more interested in temporal things. John 6:26-27 “I tell you the truth, you are looking for me, not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. On him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.”
- *Why are WE following the Lord?*

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- B. Believing - not by works
- John 6:28 “Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?” Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”
- Believe on the One on whom God had placed His seal of approval.
- Ephesians 2:8-9 “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.”

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- C. Give us a sign. 6:30
- Our Fathers ate manna in the wilderness.
- They already had many signs
- John 6 32-34 “I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” “Sir,” they said, “from now on give us this bread.”

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- ▶ D. John 6:35-37 “I am the bread of life.”
- ▶ “He who comes to me will never go hungry, and *he who believes in me* will never be thirsty. But as I told you, you have seen me and *still you do not believe*. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.”
- ▶ The Father draws those whose hearts are willing.
- ▶ Whoever comes believing in me will never hunger or thirst.
- ▶ This speaks of eternal life. The Jews ate manna but they died in the wilderness.

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- ▶ John 6:38-40 The Promise. “For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.”

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➤ III The Need to Appropriate Jesus

➤ A. The doubts of the multitude

- 6:41-42 “At this the Jews began to grumble about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They said, “Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I came down from heaven’?”
- The question remains - Whoever believes has eternal life. 6:47-48 “I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life. I am the bread of life. Your forefathers ate the manna in the desert, yet they died. *But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which a man may eat and not die.*”

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- ▶ B. The bread that I give for the lives of people, is my flesh.
- ▶ He gave His life on the cross that we might have eternal life.
John 6:51 “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, *which I will give for the life of the world.*”
- ▶ Funerals - Asleep in Jesus. Out of bondage and the restrictions of life and into His presence. Absent from the body, present with the Lord.

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- ▶ C. Hard sayings
- ▶ Eat my body and drink my blood.
- ▶ Appropriating the perfect life and perfect sacrifice of the Lord Jesus.
- ▶ The the Holy spirit gives life, — regeneration by the Holy Spirit. John 6:63-64 “The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The **words** I have spoken to you are **spirit and they are life**. Yet there are some of you who do not believe.”
- ▶ Titus 3:5-6 “He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior.”

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- ▶ D. Many turned away 6:66 “From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.”
- ▶ Hebrews 6:4-6 ” It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age, if they fall away, to be brought back to repentance, because to their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace.”

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- ▶ IV. What about the 12 Apostles?
- ▶ John 6:67-69 “You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve. Simon Peter answered him, “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.”
- ▶ John 6:70-71 “Then Jesus replied, **“Have I not chosen you, the Twelve? Yet one of you is a devil!”** ⁷¹ (He meant Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, who, though one of the Twelve, was later to betray him.)”
- ▶ Jesus knows the hearts and thoughts of each one. •••

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