## John 6 - The Bread Of Life

### Introduction:

A key event in the ministry of Jesus. At the height of His popularity, right after performing a miracle, the feeding of the 5,000. Sinful man focuses on the belly not the soul. Christ offers salvation, NOT food, finances, and fun.

## I) <u>John 6</u> Jesus Christ: The Bread of Life

- A) *Vv.* **1-15** Jesus Fed Over 5,000 People
  - 1. Saw the signs missed the lesson.
- B) *Vv.* 16-24 Jesus Escaped over Sea of Tiberius
  - 1. The people followed him
- C) Vv. 25-59 The Bread of Life Gives Eternal Life
  - 1. **Vv. 25-36** Missed true bread seeking physical
  - 2. **Vv. 25-59** The Bread of Life Gives Eternal Life
  - 3. **Vv. 51-52** Jesus to die to give eternal life
- D) *Vv. 60-71* Most People Turned Away
  - 1. Vs. 60 Must believe & obey all he taught
  - 2. **Vs. 63** Only spiritual food saves: must believe & obey all he taught
  - 3. **Vs. 66-70** The 12 confess him

# II) Sinful Man Focuses on the Belly Not the Soul

A) Carnal Minded Jews Before Jesus Came

Deut. 8:3 "So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.

- 1. Missed the lesson of manna:
- 2. God can feed body, how much more soul!

## B. When Jesus Came, Jews Sought Earthly Civil King

- 1. **Jn.6:15** A king to feed, finance, & free them
- 2. They wanted a king, a savior but not this kind of a savior.

### C. Carnal Minded Men No Different Today

- 1. Premillennial doctrine: earthly civil king
- 2. Social gospel: church as social welfare agency
- 3. A.D. 70 theory of end time: heaven here now
- 4. Gospel of health & wealth Oral Roberts, Jim Baker, Jimmy Swaggart, Joel Osteen
- 5. Compromise truth for worldly goals & gain
- 6. Seek church of cash not church of Christ: focus on support & benevolence

# III) Christ Offers Salvation, Not Food, Finances, & Fun

# A. Salvation More Valuable Than Food, Finances, and Fun

Matthew 16:26 "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

1. Earthly gain useless in hell

Luke 16:22 "So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 "And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. 24 "Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.'

2. Rich man learned too late!

#### B. Christ Gives the Greatest Gift of All: Salvation

Matthew 1:21 "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."

1. He came to save us from our sins

Luke 19:10 "for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

2. He saved rich Zacchaeus

1 Peter 1:18-19 NKJV 18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

3. Money can't buy what he gave

### **Conclusion:**

Jn. 6:35 Christ: bread of life. He gives eternal life to all who are willing to come to Him, His word, His sacrifice, His blood. Why keep Jesus waiting? Come to him now! Mk. 16:16 "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. Sinners in the world. 1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Saints fallen back into sin.