

Jesus—I AM the Bread of Life

“Jesus has come down from Heaven to keep you from absolute starvation...” Charles Spurgeon

Introduction:

Consider what must take place before the bread comes to the table:

1. The sowing of the grain of wheat (John 12:24)
2. The grinding of the wheat. (Isaiah 53:5)
3. The fiery oven. The sufferings of Christ

John 6:25-27, “When they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, ‘Rabbi, when did you come here?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on Him God the Father has set His seal.’”

1. Jesus always knows:
2. Jesus never misses an opportunity to encourage His listeners:
3. Jesus willingly gives us:
4. Jesus is the only One:

John 6: 28-34, “Then they said to Him, ‘What must we do, to be doing the works of God?’ Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent.’ So they said to Him, ‘Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ Jesus then said to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father 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.’ They said to Him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’”

1. Religious people always ask what:
2. Jesus always responds with the truth that salvation is:
3. Religious people always ask:
4. Jesus always responds with the eternal truth:
5. Religious people always misinterpret:

John 6: 35-40, “Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and whoever comes to Me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will but the will of Him who sent Me. And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that I should lose nothing of all that He has given Me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in Him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.’”

1. Jesus promises that complete and total satisfaction for our souls:
2. Religious people see:
3. Every person who comes to Jesus is:
4. Jesus treasures His gifts:
5. Jesus shares what the will of the Father is:
 - a. That those who believe on Jesus:
 - b. That those who believe on Jesus:

John 6:41-51, “So the Jews grumbled about Him, because He said, ‘I am the bread that came down from heaven.’ They said, ‘Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does He now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” Jesus answered them, ‘Do not grumble among yourselves. No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me— not that anyone has seen the Father except He who is from God; He has seen the Father. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is My flesh.’”

1. Religious people always have a:
2. Jesus points out to them that their grumbling:
He does this by telling them two truths:
 - a. The only ones who come to Him:
 - b. The only ones who come to Him:
3. Jesus reveals to them that:
4. Jesus reveals to them that:

John 6:52-59, “The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, ‘How can this man give us His flesh to eat?’ So Jesus said to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on Me, he also will live because of Me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.’ Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as He taught at Capernaum.”

1. Religious people always focus:
2. Jesus always focuses on what He alone will do:

John 6:60-65, “When many of His disciples heard it, they said, ‘This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?’ But Jesus, knowing in Himself that His disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, ‘Do you take offense at this? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before? It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe.’ (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray Him.) And He said, ‘This is why I told you that no one can come to Me unless it is granted him by the Father.’”

1. It is the hard sayings of Jesus which:
2. If we are offended by the hard things Jesus says:
3. Jesus’ words always bring life:
4. We have no ability or desire to come to Jesus under our own power:

John 6:66-69, “After this many of His disciples turned back and no longer walked with Him. So Jesus said to the Twelve, ‘Do you want to go away as well?’ Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that You are the Holy One of God.”

Conclusion: