

Episode 1-27 - Bread From Heaven

I. The purpose of the gospel of John is to produce believers in the fact that Jesus is the Christ, the One anointed by God to be the Savior of the world, and that Jesus is the Son of God, God represented in human form.

II. We studied the feeding of the five thousand, and last time we saw the response of those who saw it. They wanted to force Christ to feed them from then on! They tried to trick Him into doing this, but He refused, instead presenting Himself as the bread from heaven.

III. The people do not believe. John 6:36-40.

1. V.36. They perceived Him, but did not believe. Why? Just not interested!
2. V.37. Receives all the Father gives. In no wise = *ou me*, strongest possible no.
3. V.38. Not satisfying His Own will. Sent = *pempo*.
4. V.39. What is that will? Raising up THINGS at the last day.
5. V.40. Now raising PEOPLE. We too can see through John. Last=resultant.

IV. The Jews and the Lord. John 6:41-58.

- A. V.41. Not what they wanted to hear! The Jews lead the murmuring.
- B. V.42. Thought they knew His father and mother, so He could not be from heaven.
- C. V.43. The sign of the feeding of the multitude should have taught them, but did not.
- D. V.44. Does this mean we have no choice? No, draw a glass of water=allow it to flow.
- E. V.45. Isaiah 54:13. Compare Jeremiah 31:33-34. God's Kingdom!
- F. V.46. The Father has not appeared to them. Only Christ can see Him.
- G. V.47. Truly, truly. HAS, but means in resurrection, or those who never die.
- H. V.48. Repeats what they were rejecting. One who partakes get eonian life.
- I. V.49. Physical bread bestowed only temporary physical blessings.
- J. V.50. To eat of Him means life without dying!
- K. V.51. When they do not like it, He repeats it more strongly! Forever=into the eon.
World=*kosmos*.

V. Conclusion: Miracles do not always produce belief. These people saw in this miracle only an opportunity for material gain, not for producing faith. The Lord had a greater lesson that He wanted them to learn, but their preoccupation with food caused them to miss it. They were willing to accept that He could send them manna, but not that He had come down from God! Their example is a negative one. Will we fail to believe in Jesus Christ, as these people did? Or will we believe, and receive the eonian life He offers?