



**Come and See:
The Bread of Life - Part III**

John 6:22-40

“Seeking for Jesus”

John 6:22-24,

²² The day following, when the people which stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was none other boat there, save that one whereinto his disciples were entered, and that Jesus went not with his disciples into the boat, but *that* his disciples were gone away alone; ²³ (Howbeit there came other boats from Tiberias nigh unto the place where they did eat bread, after that the Lord had given thanks:) ²⁴ When the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither his disciples, they also took shipping, and came to Capernaum, SEEKING FOR JESUS.

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QUESTION: Christ's Arrival Time?

John 6:25,

And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when camest thou hither?



Misunderstanding #1

1. They did not understand that Jesus is God and that He is the Creator of the universe. They did understand that He is the Sovereign over His creation including the laws of nature.

They did not understand that Jesus had just walked three miles across half of the the Sea of Galilee to join His disciples in their boat.

Their Material Motive Unveiled

John 6:26,

Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.

Jesus' Command to pursue the spiritual and the eternal

John 6:27,

**Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that
meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the
Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the
Father sealed.**



**QUESTION: What works are needed
to attain eternal life?**

**John 6:28,
Then said they unto him,
What shall we do,
that we might work the works of God?**



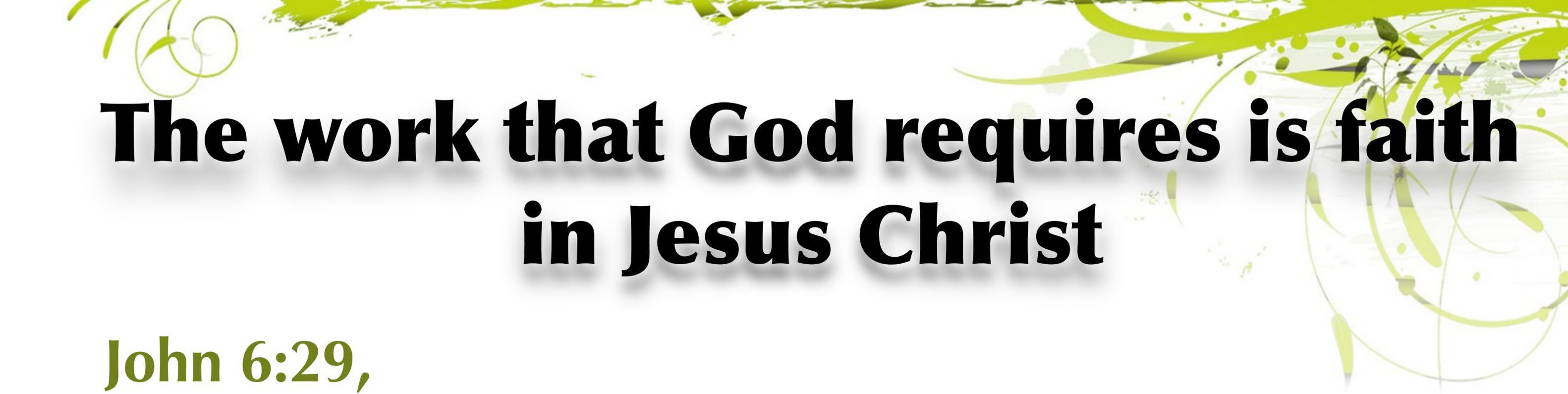
Misunderstanding #2

2. They believed salvation could be earned by the means of works. They ignored that Jesus said it was a gift.

John 6:27,

... which the Son of man shall give unto you:

The gift of eternal life is received by faith, not works.



The work that God requires is faith in Jesus Christ

**John 6:29,
Jesus answered and said unto them,
This is the work of God,
that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.**



QUESTION: What sign would Jesus show them so they would believe?

John 6:30,

They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work?

Mark 6:52,

For they considered not *the miracle* of the loaves: for their heart was hardened.

Misunderstanding #3

3. They did not understand the significance of the sign He had just performed the day before when He fed the 5000.

He was signifying to them that He was God and that He was the spiritual bread that the OT manna typified.

Misunderstanding #4

4. They could not understand how He could be the prophet like Moses if He did not do a miracle equal to or greater than Moses.

Moses had fed a nation for 40 years with manna. Jesus had “only” fed 5000 men one meal.

John 6:31,

Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.

Misunderstanding #5

5. *Moses was not the source of the manna, but God.*

John 6:32,

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.

Misunderstanding #6

6. They did not understand that they needed more than just material bread to live. They did not recognize that they needed spiritual life and sustenance.

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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.

Misunderstanding #7

7. They did not understand that Christ came to give life to the whole world not just one nation.

John 6:33,

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

Misunderstanding #8

8. Equating some materialistic prayer with securing salvation.

John 6:34,
Then said they unto him,
Lord (Sir), evermore give us this bread.

John 4:15,
The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, t
that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

Jesus is the Bread of Life

John 6:35,

**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.**

Misunderstanding #9

9. That Salvation is received through the means of the Lord's Supper or baptism or some religious ceremony.

The belief that salvation is found in taking communion and eating the bread (i.e. "the bread of life").

John 6:56,

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

Misunderstanding #10

10. Seeking for a sign instead of the Savior or seeking satisfaction in any other person or thing outside of Jesus.

John 6:36,

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

Misunderstanding #11

11. Denying God's Sovereignty in salvation

John 6:37,

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me;
and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

Misunderstanding #12

12. Denying human responsibility in salvation.
Violating man's will.

John 6:37,

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me;
and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

Misunderstanding #13

13. Denying the doctrine of eternal security or denying the promise of Christ and the power of God in salvation.

John 6:37,

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me;
and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

Misunderstanding #14

14. Denying the responsibility that once saved the believer is to work out his or her own salvation with fear and trembling (Philippians 1:12).

The true believer will continue to believe and will work out what God has already worked in. The true believer is “created in Christ Jesus unto good works” and “should be holy” (Ephesians 1:4, 2:10).

Misunderstanding #15

**15. Denying that Jesus is fully God and fully man.
Denying the heavenly origin of the Son of God.**

John 6:38,

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

Misunderstanding #16

16. Believing that Jesus died only for the elect - those that the Father had given Him. Denying that God so loved the world.

John 6:39,

And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

John 6:33,

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

Misunderstanding #17

17. Not understanding that the Gospel includes Christ's death, burial and resurrection. Not connecting Christ's resurrection with our future resurrection.

John 6:39,

And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

John 6:40,

And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Misunderstanding #18

18. Not understanding salvation is only found by believing in Christ.

John 6:40,

And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.



**A Tragic Misunderstanding is to put
off your need to repent and to
believe the gospel**

Invitation to come to Christ in faith

Dear God,

I understand that I am a sinner needing forgiveness. I understand that Jesus died for my sins. I understand He rose again the third day so that I could be resurrected in the future and live forever. I understand my need to repent and believe the good news and now call on You to save me.

I pray in Jesus' name, amen.