

Do we want Jesus, or do we
want what He gives us?

Jesus Himself, or bread which
perishes?

John 6:22-40

- 22 On the following day, when the people who were standing on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other boat there, except that one which His disciples had entered, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with His disciples, but His disciples had gone away alone—
- 23 however, other boats came from Tiberias, near the place where they ate bread after the Lord had given thanks—
- 24 when the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they also got into boats and came to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.
- 25 And when they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, “Rabbi, when did You come here?”
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- 22 La foule qui était restée de l'autre côté de la mer avait remarqué qu'il ne se trouvait là qu'une seule barque, et que Jésus n'était pas monté dans cette barque avec ses disciples, mais qu'ils étaient partis seuls.
- 23 Le lendemain, comme d'autres barques étaient arrivées de Tibériade près du lieu où ils avaient mangé le pain après que le Seigneur eut rendu grâces,
- 24 les gens de la foule, ayant vu que ni Jésus ni ses disciples n'étaient là, montèrent eux-mêmes dans ces barques et allèrent à Capernaüm à la recherche de Jésus.
- 25 Et l'ayant trouvé au delà de la mer, ils lui dirent: Rabbi, quand es-tu venu ici?

26 Jesus answered them and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled.

27 Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him."

28 Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?"

29 Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."

26 Jésus leur répondit: En vérité, en vérité, je vous le dis, vous me cherchez, non parce que vous avez vu des miracles, mais parce que vous avez mangé des pains et que vous avez été rassasiés.

27 Travaillez, non pour la nourriture qui périt, mais pour celle qui subsiste pour la vie éternelle, et que le Fils de l'homme vous donnera; car c'est lui que le Père, que Dieu a marqué de son sceau.

28 Ils lui dirent: Que devons-nous faire, pour faire les oeuvres de Dieu?

29 Jésus leur répondit: L'oeuvre de Dieu, c'est que vous croyiez en celui qu'il a envoyé.

30 Therefore they said to Him, “What sign will You perform then, that we may see it and believe You? What work will You do?”

31 Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

32 Then Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven.

33 For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

34 Then they said to Him, “Lord, give us this bread always.”

30 Quel miracle fais-tu donc, lui dirent-ils, afin que nous le voyions, et que nous croyions en toi? Que fais-tu?

31 Nos pères ont mangé la manne dans le désert, selon ce qui est écrit: Il leur donna le pain du ciel à manger.

32 Jésus leur dit: En vérité, en vérité, je vous le dis, Moïse ne vous a pas donné le pain du ciel, mais mon Père vous donne le vrai pain du ciel;

33 car le pain de Dieu, c'est celui qui descend du ciel et qui donne la vie au monde.

34 Ils lui dirent: Seigneur, donne-nous toujours ce pain.

35 And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.
36 But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe.
37 All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.
38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.
39 This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day.
40 And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

35 Jésus leur dit: Je suis le pain de vie. Celui qui vient à moi n'aura jamais faim, et celui qui croit en moi n'aura jamais soif.
36 Mais, je vous l'ai dit, vous m'avez vu, et vous ne croyez point.
37 Tous ceux que le Père me donne viendront à moi, et je ne mettrai pas dehors celui qui vient à moi;
38 car je suis descendu du ciel pour faire, non ma volonté, mais la volonté de celui qui m'a envoyé.
39 Or, la volonté de celui qui m'a envoyé, c'est que je ne perde rien de tout ce qu'il m'a donné, mais que je le ressuscite au dernier jour.
40 La volonté de mon Père, c'est que quiconque voit le Fils et croit en lui ait la vie éternelle; et je le ressusciterai au dernier jour.

Seeking Jesus

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1. Because Jesus meets my need

- Jesus fed the multitude with physical bread
- What is bread?

Bread

- Bread is crucial
- Bread is what Jesus gives me at the right moment, at the right time
- For example, wisdom to do well on an exam
- Endurance to study hard for an exam
- Love from the brothers and sisters in the church life
- A feeling of being cared for in the church life
- If I am sick, I pray to the Lord, and the Lord heals me

- Spiritual success
- For example, I pray for my friend to be saved, and my friend gets saved
- Or the Lord gives me a proper word to speak to my classmate at the right time
- The Lord provides for our needs, and He will provide for our needs
- When He meets our needs, we realize that we have a living God, one who is real, and not a theory
- We can even testify to others that our God is real in our daily life

Bread which perishes

- Necessary as this food is, it will perish

27 Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you,

- Everything that the Lord gives, no matter how crucial, will eventually run out

- There will come a time when we will not do that well on an exam
- There will come a time when we will not get that job that we wanted so badly
- There will come a time when we will not feel that loved in the church life
- There will come a time when the meetings and even our reading of the Bible will feel dry and stale
- The food, or the things that we rely on getting from the Lord, may not be so readily available
- We want good things from the Lord to help us to become better human beings, and better Christians

2. As the bread of life

35 And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

- Jesus not only gives us bread to meet our needs
- He is the bread of life. He Himself meets our needs

By coming to Him

- We come to Him, not just for Him to meet our needs, but to be with Him
- Many times, we come to Jesus for a reason, with a motive
- How many times do I come to Jesus just to spend time in His presence, to enjoy Him, His love, His sweetness, His smile?

How?

- Having a time with Jesus
- Singing hymns
- Coming to the word
- Pouring out our heart to the Lord

29 Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.”

- When we come to Jesus, we believe in Him
- To believe in Jesus is to receive Jesus
- The more we come to Jesus, the more we are assured of who He is
- The more we believe in Him, and the more we are satisfied in Him
- We are not just satisfied with the things or feelings or experiences that He gives us
- Rather, we are satisfied with His person, with who He is, with His presence
- The more we are satisfied with Him, the less we rely on the bread which will satisfy us one day, but perish the next

36 But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe.

- Sometimes, we see the Lord, and what He does for us, but we do not believe
- We believe only when we see the things that are done for us
- Can we brought higher to believe in the Lord Jesus Himself, not for what He does for us, but in His person?
- Is the Lord that attractive and lovely to us, that we can tell Him, « Lord, I don't care what happens to me. I don't care what my life will be like. I don't care if You bless me or not. I don't care if You use me or not. I just believe in You, and I just love You. »
- When we come to the Lord in such a way, we are above our circumstances, our moods and our feelings
- When the Lord is so real and attractive, we can testify that all our needs are met through who He is to us, not so much by what He does for us:

35 He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.