

Manna from Heaven (John 6:1-48)

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Introduction

Review

Purpose statement: John 20:30-31
8 signs that you may believe and
that you may have life by believing.
Pisteuō (believe) 100×
7 + 1 signs

FEEDING THE 5,000: SIGN 4 (JOHN 6:1-14)

A crowd followed Jesus and His disciples to a Galilean mountain at Passover (6:1-4)

Jesus asked the dumbfounded Philip where to buy food for the crowd (6:5-7)

Andrew brought a boy with five barley loaves and two small fish; a mere pittance (6:8-9)

The disciples were to seat the people on the grassy hillside (6:10)

Mark 6:40 says they sat in groups of 50 and 100.

Object lesson 1

Jesus gave thanks for the food (6:11a)

Object lesson 2

The disciples served the people with an abundance (6:11b)

Object lesson 3

The disciples filled twelve baskets with leftovers (6:12-13)

Object lesson 4

Some people called Jesus the predicted Coming Prophet (6:14)

Deuteronomy 18

JESUS WALKS ON THE SEA: SIGN 5 (JOHN 6:15-21)

Jesus went up the mountain to escape the kingmakers (6:15)

Mark 6:46 says He went up to pray.

Not the same people as those in verse 14

Jesus came to the marooned disciples who had left without Jesus, assured them, and teleported them (6:16-21)

Mark 6:48 says that He came to them about 3:00 a.m.

TELLING THE KINGMAKERS ABOUT MANNA FROM HEAVEN (JOHN 6:22-40)

The kingmakers went to Capernaum upon concluding that Jesus eluded them (6:22-24)

They asked Him, “Rabbi, when did You come here?” (6:25)

Detective work: Tracing the dialogue in reverse

Step 8: Jesus spoke these words in a Capernaum synagogue (verses _____-58)

Step 7: Judeans disputed Jesus’ words that He came from heaven (6:41-42)

Excursus 1: Judeans in Galilee? [Judean as an ethnic term, not of residency]

Excursus 2: Joseph and Mary lived in Nazareth twice.

A. Before marrying, Joseph and Mary lived in Nazareth (Luke 4:4-5)

B. After returning from Egypt they returned to Nazareth (Matthew 2:23)

C. Therefore, _____

Step 6: Jesus claimed to have come from heaven (6:32-33, 35-40)

Step 5: Therefore they said to Him... (6:30-31)

Step 4: Jesus answered and said to them... (6:29)

Step 3: Then they said to Him... (6:28)

Step 2: Jesus answered them and said... (6:26-27)

Step 1: The kingmakers said to Him, “Rabbi, when did You come here?” (6:25)

Where did the kingmakers meet Jesus? What were they really asking?

What does 6:59 mean, “These things He said...as He taught?” (cf. John 8:20)

Jesus rebuked the unbelief of the kingmakers, urging them to believe (6:26-29)

The kingmakers demand manna as a sign, but He claims to be the Bread of God (6:30-34)

Jesus asserts that He came to do the Father's will: As the Bread of Life, He irrevocably gives everlasting life to all believers (6:35-40)

TELLING JUDEANS WHO KNEW JOSEPH THAT HE IS THE LIFEGIVING MANNA (JOHN 6:41-48)

Judeans who knew Joseph sought to undermine His claim to be from heaven (6:41-42)

Evidence that Jesus has a long history with these very people

Jesus commanded them to stop grumbling (6:43)

Verses 44-46: a chiasm

(The Greek letter *chi*: χ)

- A. No one can come to Jesus
 - B. unless the Father...draw him
 - C. It is written in the prophets, "They shall all be taught by Him."
 - B'. Therefore, everyone who has heard and learned from the Father
 - A'. comes to Jesus. Not that anyone has seen the Father... (6:44-46)

Isaiah 54:13's Millennial context: "All your children shall be taught by the LORD,
And great shall be the peace of your children."

Isaiah speaks of something that takes place in time, not eternity past.

How does Jesus say that people are drawn?

Whoever believes in Jesus has everlasting life, because He is the Bread of Life (6:47-48)

The Greek text should read "Believes in Me," but some texts omit "in Me."

For what (in context) is it that a person is to believe in Jesus?

When does a believer receive everlasting life?

The significance of "has" (a Greek present tense)

Note also John 5:24: The moment one believes, he/she
has everlasting life

shall not come into judgment

but has passed from death to life.

CONCLUSION

The sign of feeding 20,000 caused some to believe in Jesus as the predicted Coming Prophet (6:1-14)

The sign of walking on the sea (though not seen by the kingmakers) reinforced their idea that He should be king, but they did not believe in Him (6:15-40)

The disinterest of Judeans who knew Joseph in Jesus' word prevented them from being drawn (taught) by the Father to believe in Jesus as the Lifegiving Bread of Life (6:41-48)