

# THE WORD BECAME FLESH

The Book of John

Lesson 6

## Jesus the Bread of Life

John 6

### REFLECTION

Review John 5. From Jesus' healing of the paralytic man and the Jews accusations against His works, what new truth did you learn?

### FOCUS VERSE

*I AM the Bread of Life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst (John 6:35).*

### SECTION 1 – Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

Read John 6:1-14.

1. Where did Jesus go (vv. 1-3)? \_\_\_\_\_  
Who followed Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_  
Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Who else was with Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What feast were the Jews going to celebrate (v. 4)? \_\_\_\_\_

### LOOK DEEPER

What is significant about the Passover? Read Deuteronomy 16:1 and Exodus 12:1-29 for your answer.

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3. What did Jesus do (John 6:5-9)? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why did He do this? \_\_\_\_\_

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What was Philip's response? \_\_\_\_\_

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What did Andrew offer? \_\_\_\_\_

4. List the steps Jesus took to feed the crowd of people (vv. 10-13)? \_\_\_\_\_

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Was the crowd satisfied? How do you know? \_\_\_\_\_

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### LOOK DEEPER

Compare Matthew 14:13-21, Mark 6:31-44, Luke 9:11-17 with John's account of this same feeding. What other facts do you find?

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5. What was the result of this sign (John 6:14)? \_\_\_\_\_

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### PERSONAL

Who do you identify with most in this test of Jesus to His disciples? Who would you like to identify with? Philip the doubter? Andrew the solution seeker? The Lad who gave? The men who saw the sign? Why?

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## SECTION 2 – Jesus Walks on the Water

Read John 6:15-21, Matthew 14:22-33, and Mark 6:45-52.

1. Why did Jesus go to the mountain (John 6:15, Matthew 14:23, Mark 6:46)? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What did the disciples do in the evening (John 6:16-18)? \_\_\_\_\_

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What happened next? Compare the accounts of Matthew 14:26, 27, Mark 6:48-50 with John 6:18, 19.

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3. What did Jesus say to the disciples (John 6:20, Mark 6:50)? \_\_\_\_\_

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## PERSONAL

What comfort do you get from this verse today? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What happened when the disciples willingly received Jesus into the boat (John 6:21)? \_\_\_\_\_

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PERSONAL

Relate a time when you felt you were rowing against the wind as the disciples in obedience to the Lord's leading?

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How did the LORD meet your need? \_\_\_\_\_

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What comfort do you receive from the following verses:

Mark 6:48-50 \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 7:25 \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 13:8 \_\_\_\_\_

I Peter 5:7 \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 3 – The Bread of Life

Read John 6:22-40.

The spiritual truth behind the miracle of the feeding of the 5000 took place the following day. Jesus had fed the multitude the physical bread they needed and now He would reveal to them the spiritual bread they hungered for.

1. What happened to cause the people confusion (vv. 22-24)? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why did the people go to Capernaum? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What did they ask of Jesus (v. 25)? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What did Jesus say that revealed the true motives of their heart (vv. 26, 27)? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What did the people desire (v. 28)? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. What did Jesus explain to them (v. 29)? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. What did they continue to seek (vv. 30, 31)? \_\_\_\_\_

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### LOOK DEEPER

Think back on previous verses and past lessons. Had Jesus given the people what they asked for? When?

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### PERSONAL

Has there been a time when you were focused on your physical needs and missed the spiritual lessons God was trying to teach you? Explain.

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7. Who did the Jews believe gave them the bread from heaven (vv. 31, 32)? \_\_\_\_\_

How did Jesus correct them? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Who is the True Bread of God (v. 33)? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Did the people understand? What did they say (v. 34)? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. What did Jesus reveal about Himself in verse 35? \_\_\_\_\_

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PERSONAL

Do you believe these words of Jesus? How does the way you live your life prove it? What changes do you need to make?

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11. From John 6:36-40, list the many promises that Jesus made to those who believe in Him? \_\_\_\_\_

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PERSONAL

Which promise is most meaningful to you today? \_\_\_\_\_

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SECTION 4 – The Crowds Response

Read John 6:41-59.

1. How did the people react to the words of Jesus (vv. 41, 42)? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. How did Jesus answer the murmuring crowd (vv. 43-45)? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is important about being taught by God? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What does Jesus promise to those who respond to the drawing power of God and believe in Him (vv. 46-51)?

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## LOOK DEEPER

What does Jesus mean when He says . . . *If anyone eats of this Bread, he will live forever; and the Bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world?* For help see Matthew 26:26-29.

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4. What was the response of the Jews (John 6:52)? \_\_\_\_\_

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## LOOK DEEPER

Compare Jesus' response in verses 53-56 with Paul in I Corinthians 11:23-26. What do you learn about Jesus and about communion<sup>1</sup>?

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## PERSONAL

Slowly read John 6:35-40, 57, 58. Ask yourself honestly, "What do I feed on daily?" \_\_\_\_\_

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How can your partaking of Communion be more meaningful because of these verses? \_\_\_\_\_

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## SECTION 5 – The Majority Reject Jesus

Read John 6:60-71.

1. How did many of Jesus' disciples react to His last words (vv. 60, 61)? \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>1</sup> communion: the institution of the Lord's Supper to be practiced by all believers in remembrance of Him.

2. What did Jesus say about the words He spoke to them (vv. 62, 63)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What did Jesus know from the beginning (vv. 64, 65, 70, 71)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What happened to many of Jesus' disciples (v. 66)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. What did Jesus ask the twelve (v. 67)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. What was Peter's response (vv. 68, 69)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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PERSONAL

Have you ever been offended by the Words of Jesus or have you responded like Peter? \_\_\_\_\_

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Write out a prayer of thanksgiving to God. \_\_\_\_\_

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*Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the Words of eternal life.  
John 6:68*



## NOTES





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