

## No Ordinary Baker

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### ❖ Recap of John 6

- 1) The People Were Coming to Jesus with Wrong Motives
- 2) Jesus Continues to Intentionally Lead Them Toward Life
- 3) The Work of God is Believing on Jesus
- 4) Many Still Did Not Believe
- 5) Mistaking Creature for Creator
- 6) Jesus is the Eternal Bread

### ❖ Intro:

- **A lot of Good Theology**
  - Not Interested in Man's Traditional Philosophy on God
  - Interested in being Faithful to what the Bible Teaches.
  - Specifically Jesus is Teaching us Here.
- **Teaching and Preaching Sermon**
- **You choose Today**
  - 2 Medium Sermons, or 1 Long Sermon?

### ❖ Summary

- **What We Are Going To Look At Today**
  - 1) Jesus Is All We Need
  - 2) Jesus Knows Man's Disbelief
  - 3) We Benefit From God's Will
  - 4) We Will Be Raised By Christ
  - 5) Our Life is Secure With Jesus
  - 6) We Are Brought To Jesus By the Father
  - 7) It is Our Responsibility to Come to Christ

### ❖ OverArching Theme (A Prerequisite to understanding Jesus' Teaching in John 6)

- **Remember what a Prerequisite is?**
  - Explain....

- Understand what Jesus is saying, and why He is able to say it, hinges on believing this...

### ➤ **God is Sovereign**

- He is in Control....
- 3 times in the first 6 verses Jesus references the will of the Father
  - <sup>38</sup>not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.
  - <sup>39</sup>And this is the will of him who sent me,
  - <sup>40</sup>For this is the will of my Father

### ➤ **The Scriptures Say**

- **Isaiah 46:9-10** <sup>9</sup> remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, <sup>10</sup> declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,'
- **Jer. 32:27**, "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh; is anything too difficult for Me?"

### ➤ **You may Say... I believe God is All Powerful and in Control...**

- I would never doubt that... Its a no brainer
- Do you Really...
- **Lets look at how easy it is to doubt God and what that looks like...**
  - With our Pleasures... Do you lack the Faith that God is enough for you, so you look elsewhere
  - Do you always feel as if God is control of your Family
  - Do you believe God is in control of your health
  - What about your finances
  - Do You believe God Will provide Your needs...
- **Actions Speak Louder than Words...**
- **The Reason We Struggle With our understanding of God's Power and Might in our Lives...**
  - **1) Is because many of us live under His discipline...**
    - ◆ We do not get His blessings because of our disobedience...
    - ◆ We do not believe in a works related Salvation.... That is a free gift...
    - ◆ But, God will not reward Disobedience to Him...
    - ◆ Therefore We doubt God's control over our job situation
    - ◆ Or our finances...
    - ◆ Or our Family and Health
    - ◆ Because We are not walking in Faith and Obedience with our God
    - ◆ And b/c he loves us, He disciplines us, to bring us closer to Him
  - **2) Our Lack of Biblical Knowledge and Faith have Warped our Knowledge of His Wisdom**
    - ◆ Simply Put: We do not like how He does things!
- **If We Grow Closer to Him Daily:**
  - We will not only like how He does Things, But Rejoice that He does it that way....
    - ◆ I am not saying it is easy...
  - **Romans 11:33** <sup>33</sup> O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable *are* his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

### ❖ **1) Jesus Is All We Need ( I can not seem to do this point Justice.... So I ask the H.S. to Help Greatly)**

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- <sup>48</sup> I am the bread of life.
- <sup>50</sup> This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.

- <sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”
- **1) He is the Bread of Life**
  - **Jesus Becomes Very Straightforward and to the point**
    - Vs 35 “I Am the Bread of Life
    - Vs 48 “I Am the Bread of Life
    - Vs 50 “This is the bread that comes down from heaven”
    - Vs 51 “I am the living bread that came down from heaven”
    - Vs 51 “The bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh”
  - **And They Get it... They hear what He is saying...**
    - <sup>42</sup> They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?”
    - Yet they still don’t get it!
- **2) A Different Kind of Bread:**
  - Of Life
  - Comes down from Heaven
  - Living Bread
  - He gives Bread
- **3) His Flesh is the Bread**
  - And here we see what He is getting at after all of this time...
  - <sup>51</sup>And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”
    - He had not been beating around the bush or anything...
    - But, He was speaking Spiritually and the people were not getting it...
    - So He just spells it out for them....
  - **He is Like: LISTEN UP... What I am Saying is...**
    - **My flesh is this bread** I keep talking about...
- **4) The Flesh of Jesus Gives Life for the World...**
  - There is something beyond our understanding about the Flesh of Jesus....
    - I do not want us to pass over the importance of the flesh of the Son of God
  - **In the O.T. We see a model of sacrifice with lambs and bulls...**
    - And their life had to be taken, so that the sins of men could be covered for a short time...
  - **In the N.T. We see John the Baptist calling Jesus the Lamb of God...**
    - And Remember how we looked at what a provocative statement that would be...
    - Because it meant a dying sacrifice...
  - **Jesus Became a Man for us....**
    - The Son of God left His glory to be a servant in the form of man...
    - To live a perfect a blameless life...
    - So He could offer up His perfect Sinless Flesh as a Substitute for ours...
  - **The sinlessness of the flesh of Jesus’ and the very nature of who He is...**
    - Produces something so Supernatural and Powerful...
      - ◆ **That it is Able to Provide Life for the World**
      - ◆ OH PRAISE GOD over this, this morning!
- **5) This Life Sustains all of our Hunger and all of our Thirst**
  - **whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.**
  - **The Reason He is Able to do this is Because...**
    - He can satisfy that hunger and thirst within you that nothing else can...
    - And He will satisfy you forever

- **In the Same Way Physical Bread We Eat Helps Keep life in our Physical Bodies**
  - The Bread that is the Flesh of Jesus... Creates a constant Life Giving Source for us...

➤ **6) He is Not Like the Temporary Satisfaction We Find on this Earth....**

- He contrasts Himself with what their Fathers received in the Wilderness
  - <sup>49</sup> **Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.**
- Remember how they wrongly thought of Moses as the giver of that bread instead of God...
- They saw that bread as a great miracle
  - And it was
  - But even the supernatural bread that came daily for practically 40 years...
  - Did not keep them from dying...

➤ **7) As Living Bread, Jesus Gives us Eternal Life**

- When Adam and Even are kicked out of the garden of Eden...
- They leave behind the Tree of Life... They can no longer eat from the Tree of Life...
- But, now... Here comes Jesus... And He is that tree of Life...
- He is the source of All life...
  - **John 1.4 "In Him Was Life"**

➤ **8) What Happens is summed up in John 4 in regards to Water**

- **John 4:14 <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."**
- **It Becomes a Constant Source of Sustaining Life.**
  - We Never Hunger or Thirst Again b/c
    - ◆ 1) Our Hunger and Thirst for Eternal Life has Been Met
    - ◆ 2) When We do Hunger and Thirst for God, There is a Perpetual Fountain

➤ **Application:**

- **Do you understand the Ramifications of Jesus being All We Need?**
- **Do you find all you need in Jesus?**
- **Spend Time Meditating on what this means....**

❖ **2) Jesus Knows Man's Disbelief**

- <sup>36</sup> **But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe.**
- <sup>41</sup> **So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." <sup>42</sup> They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" <sup>43</sup> Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves.**

➤ **Remember Back Through the Unbelief that Jesus Came Across So Far in John....**

- Starting With... John 2
  - **John 2:23-25** Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. **24** But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people **25** and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.
  - Jesus Must Give Himself To the Person...
- Then in Ch. 3 We See Nicodemus as **Exhibit A**
  - **John 3:1-3** Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. **2** This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." **3** Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."
- After Healing of Lame Man in Ch. 5

- John 5:38-40 <sup>38</sup> and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent. <sup>39</sup> You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, <sup>40</sup> yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.

- In John 7 We will see that not even His brothers Believed in who He was
- Demons Believe

#### ➤ **These Things Are For Our Self Evaluation...**

- There may be no point more important for some in here than this one here...
- Understanding the differences between belief unto salvation and belief unto destruction

#### ➤ **Do You Believe In Faith Who He Is...**

- Those Who believed in the Bible... The First Fruit We see...
- Is they Followed...
- They Left Their Former Life to Follow...
- And they Make their Decisions Based on Faith in What He wants for their Life...
  - Even when it may seem odd to many around them

### ❖ **3) We Benefit From God's Will**

- <sup>38</sup> For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.
- <sup>39</sup> And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.
- <sup>40</sup> For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

#### ➤ Jesus is All About the Father's Will

#### ➤ It is God's Will That Our Life is Secure in Jesus

#### ➤ It is God's Will That We be Raised Up

#### ➤ It is God's Will That Everyone Who Looks on the Son and Believes Has Eternal Life

#### ➤ **God is Sovereign**

- When He wants Something Accomplished, It is Accomplished...
- No Matter What The Obstacles Are

- Daniel 4:34-35 <sup>34</sup> At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever, for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation; <sup>35</sup> all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, "What have you done?"

#### ➤ We Are The Beneficiaries of God's Will

### ❖ **4) We Will Be Raised By Christ (A Great Benefit)**

- <sup>39</sup> And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.
- <sup>40</sup> For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."
- <sup>44</sup> No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.

#### ➤ **Who is Raised?**

- All Those Who Have Been Given to Jesus....
- Everyone Who Looks on the Son and Believes
- Those Who come To Jesus by the Father's Drawing

- **We Will Be Raised...**
  - **This brings up a lot of questions...**
  - **Like:**
    - I thought when we died we went immediately to heaven...
    - Why then would we be raised, if we are already up...
  - **When We Die We Go to Be With God Immediately**
    - **Jesus Soul Left His Physical Body...**
      - ◆ And then He reunited with the Body and raised it up
      - ◆ **2 Corinthians 5:8<sup>8</sup> We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.**
      - ◆ The Martyrs under the Throne
  - **God Will reunite us with our bodies and change them to be like Him**
    - **1 John 3:2<sup>2</sup> Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it does not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.**
    - **1 Thess 4 teaches that the dead in Christ will rise first....**
      - ◆ But that He will also bring them with Him when He returns...
      - ◆ It is indeed a mystery.... but...
- **The Main Point Here is:**
  - **You can get caught up in the logistics...**
    - And they really do not matter cause we can not control any of it anyway...
    - We have no say in it...
  - **Jesus is assuring His Followers... That No matter what happens on this earth...**
    - I will Raise You Up...
    - I Will Raise You Up....
- **The Hope of Resurrection Creates Resilience in the Face of Adversity**
- **Application:**
  - **How Secure Are You? Do you Know You Will Be Raised...**
  - I am not asking what you tell everybody...
  - I am asking how you answer that when no one is listening
  - When you lay down on your pillow at night
  - **To Those Who know This... And Yes You can Know it...**
    - Faith Creates a Knowledge that can not be explained or denied
    - Do you rejoice over this...
    - Doesn't it create hope within you... It should...
  - **Some Religions:**
    - Believe that we will just be annihilated after death...
    - Some think they will go through a time of suffering...
    - Some believe we will just come back in another form...
    - Jesus says He will Raise us to be with Him!

## ❖ Invitation

## ❖ 5) Our Life is Secure With Jesus

- <sup>37</sup> All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.
- <sup>39</sup> And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me,
- I Will Never Cast Out
- Lose Nothing

## ❖ 6) We Are Brought To Jesus By the Father

- <sup>37</sup> All that the Father gives me will come to me,
- <sup>44</sup> No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him.
- <sup>45</sup> Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me—
- **Example:**
  - Those People that Like to Get Recognition for what others have done...
    - Presidents are the worse...
    - All of them... I am not being biased... doesn't matter what party you like...
    - I do not recall very many HUMBLE Politicians...
      - ◆ I am sure there are SOME...
- **This Shoots Down Any Thoughts of Self Glory**
  - What Jesus says here takes away all the glory anyone could ever claim for their own salvation
  - No one can say, they just got tired or fed up with themselves so decided to clean it up
  - No one can claim that they had the idea of coming to God.
- **We come to God because God draws us.**
  - Vs 37 Will come to me
  - Vs 44 no one comes unless drawn by Father
  - Vs 45 those who hear and learn from Father come to Jesus
- **God Deserves the Recognition**
  - God Deserves all the glory and all the praise for our Salvation...
- **We Should Be Unconcerned About How This Affects our Preconceived Ideas of God**
  - We should not allow our misunderstandings about the nature of God
    - To hinder us from moving forward in our understanding of who He is...
- God's Work is Primary
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## ❖ 7) It is Our Responsibility to Come to Christ

- <sup>35</sup> whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.
- <sup>37</sup> and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.
- <sup>47</sup> whoever believes has eternal life.
- <sup>51</sup> If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever.
- Our Coming is Real, But Dependent on the Work of God

## ❖ End Note: Believing and Partaking of The Bread of Christ Should Consume Our Life

- **This Should Be Our Number 1 objective in Life**
- **Nothing Else Should Be A Close Second**
- **The Work of God is That We Believe and Partake of the Bread**
  - Remember what they asked Jesus:
    - John 6:28-29 <sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."
  - The Bread He is referring to is the Flesh of Jesus Christ.

- **How do We Partake of the Eternal Bread...?**
  - **By Believing in the Death of Jesus Christ on the Cross**
    - As: The Appeasement of the Wrath of God on Sinful Man
    - As: The Replacement for Your Punishment
    - As: A Sufficient and Able Payment for your wrongs
    - As: The Only Way You are Made Right With God
- **Have You Repented of Your Wrongs And Believed These Things About Jesus?**