


Day 1

 Please pray for holy guidance and insight before you begin today's study.

Jesus the Bread of Life

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

Q1. Who is "they"?

²⁶ Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, you are looking for me, not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and had your fill.

Q2. What motivated the people in their quest for the "Rabbi"?

Q3. What is the typical response to Jesus' insight into their true motives?

²⁷ Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. On him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."

Q4. Who is the "Son of Man"?

Q5. What "food" is Jesus referencing?

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Q6. Can you think of an instance when “God the Father has placed his seal of approval” on you or someone you know?

Matthew 3:16-17


¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

²⁸ Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?"

Q7. Was Jesus talking about “food” (sustenance)? Why did the people immediately question Jesus about “works”?

Food?

Works?


 Do the Ten Commandments promote grace or works? The Ten Commandments and all of the Jewish 600+ rules promote works – a works theology. “To be a good Jew, I must not break any of the Ten Commandments.” “If I sin, I must offer this sacrifice.” “Today is the Sabbath, so I must not do these things of daily work.” It is fraught with do’s and don’t’s. Do this to remain a good Jew. Do not do this to remain a good Jew. Whereas Jesus the Messiah, the Christ, offers Himself to all, who believe, “Believe in me”. Period. “Accept my gift of eternal life; believe in me.” Period. The Ten Commandments emphasize our ‘badness’ and our innate inability to be good all the time. If you break one Commandment, you are ‘toast’. It is only by accepting the gift of Christ Jesus – in faith – that we have a future, a certainty in eternal life with Christ Jesus in Paradise, in Heaven. To God be the praise!!!

²⁹ Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

Q8. Why is this simple “work” so difficult?

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³⁰ So they asked him, "What miraculous sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?"

Q9. Jesus just fed thousands of people. Why did they ask for another "miraculous sign"?

³¹ Our forefathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" [Exodus 16:4; Nehemiah 9:15; Psalm 78:24-25]

Q10. What were the circumstances under which their Jewish forefathers received "bread [manna] from Heaven"?

Exodus 16:11-16

¹¹ The LORD said to Moses, ¹² "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.'"

¹³ That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, "It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat. ¹⁶ This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Each one is to gather as much as he needs. Take an omer [about 2 quarts] for each person you have in your tent.' "

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³² Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who 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."

Q11. Why did Jesus focus on "bread"? What might "bread" mean to His audience?

Q12. Why did Jesus say "it is not Moses who has given you the bread from Heaven"?

Q13. Verse 32: again, what is the "true bread from Heaven"?

Q14. Who came "down from Heaven"?

Q15. Who "gives life to the world"?

John 1:1-4

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of men.

Philippians 2:5-8


⁵ Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death -- even death on a cross!

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³⁴ "Sir," they said, "from now on give us this bread."

Q16. The people now told Jesus that they wanted "this bread"? What changed their minds?

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³⁵ Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty."

Q17. Is this a physical or spiritual metaphor?

Q18. If bread was a critical staple of the Jewish diet, Jesus now states that He is "the Bread of Life". Then, He states that a person who "comes to" Him will "never go hungry". What does "come to me" mean to you?

Q19. Will the person who comes to Jesus still experience hunger pangs, if he (or she) is unable to eat? What does the "never go hungry" mean?

Q20. Under what circumstances will a person never be thirsty?

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³⁶ But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe.


Q21. Why do you think Jesus made this assertion?

³⁷ All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.

Q22. Who or what has the Father given to Jesus?


Q23. What does Jesus mean by His promise “whoever comes to me I will never drive away”?

 The phrase “All that the Father gives me will come to me” [v. 37] sounds contrary to the free-choice decision that unbelievers must make to embrace Christ Jesus as their personal savior. Many people during their lifetimes will have the opportunity to accept (or reject): the concept of a loving God, the consequence of sin on a person’s life after death, and the requirement of an Intercessor, a Savior. People choose yes (↑) or no (↓), thumbs-up or thumbs-down, which then becomes a simple pass/fail grade with eternal consequences.


 Additionally, the phrase from verse 37 “All that the Father gives me will come to me” sounds exclusive. It begs the question of the unbeliever, “Did God exclude me?!?!?” The answer to the unbeliever’s question is, “No!” Have you ever seen a placard at a sporting event that reads “John 3:16”? John 3:16 states “For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” The unbeliever is given the choice at this instant: yes (↑) or no (↓), thumbs-up or thumbs-down.

Romans 1:18-20

¹⁸ The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, ¹⁹ since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities -- his eternal power and divine nature -- have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

 An unbiased scientist can examine a human eye and wonder how such an intricate structure was designed. The human eye is a spherical structure, which itself is filled with a pressurized fluid to maintain its ball shape, that has a flexible transparent lens which crisply focuses a near (or far) image upon the target at the rear of the structure, the target (retina) which discerns color in minute shades, an iris that opens or closes depending upon the intensity of light coming through the lens, eyelids that protect the structure of the eye and keep it moist and clean, and muscles that move the eye structure up/down or right/left to follow action. It takes more faith to believe that chance enabled a structure like the intricate human eye to evolve and develop from primordial soup than to believe in a Creator who designed it.


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 Unbelievers will always ask “what-if” questions as a barrier to dodge responsibility for their own decisions. What about the eternal fate of the Australian Aborigine, or the Eskimo, or the indigenous natives of the Amazon River basin; what if they never hear of Christ Jesus in their lifetimes. What happens to them?!?!? Are they damned by a *loving* God?!?!? The Apostle Paul wrote the following in his letter to the Romans in chapter 2:14-16:

Romans 2:14-16 [The Message (MSG)]

14-16 When outsiders who have never heard of God’s law follow it more or less by instinct, they confirm its truth by their obedience. They show that God’s law is not something alien, imposed on us from without, but woven into the very fabric of our creation. There is something deep within them that echoes God’s yes and no, right and wrong. Their response to God’s yes and no will become public knowledge on the day God makes his final decision about every man and woman. The Message from God that I proclaim through Jesus Christ takes into account all these differences.

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38 For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.

Q24. What does Jesus mean when He said, “to do the will of him who sent me”?

Q25. Is Jesus “obedient” to His Father?

Q26. Does this “to do the will of him who sent me” have any relevance for us, today?

39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day.

Q27. To whom (or what) does the phrase “all those he has given me” refer? And what does it mean?

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Q28. Why does Jesus state, "I shall lose none of all those"?

John 18:3, 8-9 [Scene: the night before His crucifixion, when Jesus is arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus is betrayed by Judas Iscariot, who – by his actions – confirm that he resigned from following Jesus and is, therefore, no longer under Jesus' protection.]

³ So Judas came to the grove, guiding a detachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lanterns, and weapons . . .

⁸ "I told you that I am he," Jesus answered. "If you are looking for me, then let these men go."

⁹ This happened so that the words he had spoken would be fulfilled: "I have not lost one of those you gave me."

Q29. What does the phrase "raise them up at the last day" mean to you?

⁴⁰ For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day."

Q30. What does "look to the Son" mean?


Q31. Does this phrase "everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life" refer to all people, all people groups?

Q32. Who will be raised "up at the last day"?

Q33. How do you define the "last day".

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⁴¹ At this the Jews began to grumble about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven."

Q34. Who are "the Jews" as used in this verse? A select few? All who consider themselves "Jews"?

⁴² They said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven'?" ⁴³ "Stop grumbling among yourselves," Jesus answered.

Q35. What critical piece of information are the Jews refusing to recognize?

Q36. Would things have changed for the Jews had they recognized (or asked follow-up questions to reveal) Jesus' real father?

⁴⁴ "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day.

Q37. What does "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him" mean to you?

Q38. Why does Jesus repeat the phrase "I will raise him up at the last day" (see verse 39)?


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⁴⁵ It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' [Isaiah 54:13]
Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me.

Q39. How are people “taught by God” or “learns from Him”?

Q40. How are people able to hear “the Father” (as in “listens to the Father”)?

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⁴⁶ No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father.

Q41. Who “has seen the Father”?

Q42. “Who is from God”? How can this claim “from God” be made?

⁴⁷ I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life.

Q43. The phrase states, “he who believes has everlasting life”. What must the person believe?

Q44. How do we know that this is the “Truth”?

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1 Corinthians 2:12-14

¹² We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. ¹³ This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. ¹⁴ The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

Q45. Do you believe in the saving grace of the Lord Jesus?

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