

Study QUESTIONS

Ep.1348: Why is Jesus Called the Bread of Life?

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See:



1. What did the crowd who followed Jesus across the Sea of Galilee expect Jesus to do? In what way did Jesus' answer attempt to change their way of thinking? (John 6:26,27)
2. How did God indicate Jesus would be the one to dispense the "food that endures"? How did Jesus answer Satan's temptation about turning stones to bread? How did Jesus build upon the physical feeding of the Israelites to describe his relationship to his followers? (John 6:27, Mark 1:9-12, Matthew 4:1-4, Deuteronomy 8:1-3, Ephesians 1:13-14)
3. What was necessary to "work the works of God"? How did Jesus answer the lawyer? Did the Law bring Israel life? Why?
4. Why did the rich young ruler grieve? (John 6:28-29, Luke 10:25-28, Mark 10:17-23)
5. What "sign" did the crowd ask for from Jesus? What was manna? What does the word mean? What lessons can we draw from God's provision of the manna? How did Jesus respond to their demand for a sign? (John 6:30-34, Exodus 16:4, 14-24)
6. Compare each "manna point" with the corresponding point in "Jesus as the Bread of Life" in John 6:35-71. Discuss thoroughly:
 - a. Manna was provided equally for all; Jesus provides for all equally. (John 6:35-37, 4:13-15, Matthew 5:6)
 - b. Manna was God's daily, heavenly provision to miraculously sustain His people; how do we let Jesus sustain us? (John 6:38-40, 17:6-8)
 - c. Manna was gathered early every day or it melted away; how do we seek to gather Jesus' nourishment every day, quickly working in the way he directs us? (John 6:41-44, Matthew 28:19-20)
 - d. Manna stayed fresh an extra day on the Sabbath; Jesus' nourishment is fresh for each as needed all during the present age of the gospel message (John 6:45-46, Matthew 20:8-10).
 - e. Manna needs to be defined; Jesus is defined as the path to God; "What is it?" (John 6:47-51, 14:5-6)
 - f. Manna was unknown; Jesus brings new thinking and a new way of life; "What is it?" (John 6:52-58, Luke 22:19-20)
 - g. Manna was provided along with God's Law; Jesus brought life with a new Law. (John 6:59-63, 13:34-36)
 - h. Manna's quantity fit each; Jesus gave what was needed to each. (John 6:64-65, 1 Corinthians 1:26-29)
 - i. Manna needed to be eaten immediately; the crowd walked away, but Jesus' disciples knew he was their food, their Messiah. (John 6:66-71, Luke 9:23-24)
7. What lessons do you take from these examples? How are you fed by the Bread of Life? What will you change to make sure you partake of the daily "manna" provided to you as a follower of Christ?