



Lesson 32 – The Crisis in Galilee

Based on John 6:22-71.

- 1) Where does our lesson begin today?

John 6:11-13 And Jesus took the _____; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would. When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, _____ up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. Therefore they gathered them together, and filled _____ baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.

- 2) What reaction did this have upon the people?

John 6:14 When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a _____, he departed again into a mountain himself alone.

When Christ forbade the people to declare Him king, He knew that a turning point in His history was reached. Multitudes who desired to exalt Him to the throne today would turn from Him tomorrow. The disappointment of their selfish ambition would turn their love to hatred, and their praise to curses. Yet knowing this, He took no measures to avert the crisis.

- 3) What did Jesus tell someone who wished to be a disciple?

Matthew 8:20 And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have _____, and the birds of the air have _____; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.

If men could have had the world **with** Christ, multitudes would have proffered Him their allegiance; but such service He could not accept. Of those now connected with Him there were many who had been attracted by the hope of a worldly kingdom. These must be undeceived.

The miracle of the loaves was reported far and near, and very early next morning the people flocked to Bethsaida to see Jesus. They came in great numbers, by land and sea. Those who had left Him the preceding night returned, expecting to find Him still there; for there had been no boat by which He could pass to the other side. But their search was fruitless, and many repaired to Capernaum, still seeking Him.

- 4) What were the people doing when they found Him?

Mark 6:55 And ran through that whole region round about, and began to carry about in beds those that were _____, where they heard he was.

- 5) What question did they ask of Him?

John 6:25 And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when camest thou _____?

- 6) Did Jesus answer them directly?

John 6:26-27 Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the _____, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were _____. Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which _____ unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

- 7) What was the reply from those who heard His answer?

John 6:28 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might _____ the _____ of God?



8) What were the requirements laid down by Jesus?

John 6:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye _____ on him whom he hath sent.

9) What did John the Baptist say about it?

John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the _____ of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

The price of heaven is Jesus. The way to heaven is through faith.

10) What was their reply?

John 6:30-31 They said therefore unto him, What _____ shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work? Our fathers did eat _____ in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.

Their dissatisfied hearts queried why, if Jesus could perform so many wondrous works as they had witnessed, could He not give health, strength, and riches to all His people, free them from their oppressors, and exalt them to power and honor? The fact that He claimed to be the Sent of God, and yet refused to be Israel's king, was a mystery which they could not fathom.

11) Jesus' reply to their selfish hearts:

John 6:32-33 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from _____; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth _____ unto the world.

The Jews honored Moses as the giver of the manna, ascribing praise to the instrument, and losing sight of Him by whom the work had been accomplished. Their fathers had murmured against Moses, and had doubted and denied his divine mission. Now in the same spirit the children rejected the One who bore the message of God to themselves.

12) What did they say that showed that they didn't understand?

John 6:34 Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this _____.

13) What idea was Jesus trying to convey to the masses?

Deuteronomy 8:3 And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread _____, but by every _____ that proceedeth out of the _____ of the LORD doth man live.

14) How did Jeremiah present the same idea?

Jeremiah 15:16 Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy _____ was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.

Had they understood the Scriptures, they would have understood His words when He said, ***"I am the bread of life."***

15) What did Jesus say to help them understand?

John 6:35-37 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never _____; and he that believeth on me shall never _____. But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not. All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise _____.



They had seen Christ by the witness of the Holy Spirit, by the revelation of God to their souls. The living evidences of His power had been before them day after day, yet they asked for still another sign. Had this been given, they would have remained as unbelieving as before. If they were not convinced by what they had seen and heard, it was useless to show them more marvelous works. Unbelief will ever find excuse for doubt and will reason away the most positive proof.

16) What did Jesus tell them next?

John 6:38-40 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of _____ that sent me. And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should _____ it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last _____.

17) Was the crowd impressed with this?

John 6:41-42 The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven. And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of _____, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from _____?

They contemptuously alluded to His life as a Galilean laborer, and to His family as being poor and lowly. The claims of this uneducated carpenter, they said, were unworthy of their attention. And on account of His mysterious birth, they insinuated that He was of doubtful parentage, thus representing the human circumstances of His birth as a blot upon His history.

18) Who was Jesus, Really?

John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only _____ of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

He did not call attention to the miracles that marked His life. Voluntarily He had made Himself of no reputation and taken upon Him the form of a servant. But His words and works revealed His character. All whose hearts were open to divine illumination would recognize in Him.

19) Did Jesus shy away from telling the Truth?

John 6:44-45 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me _____ him: and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, _____ unto me.

None will ever come to Christ, save those who respond to the drawing of the Father's love. But God is drawing all hearts unto Him, and only those who resist His drawing will refuse to come to Christ.

Those who see Christ in His true character, and receive Him into the heart, have everlasting life. It is through the Spirit that Christ dwells in us; and the Spirit of God, received into the heart by faith, is the beginning of the life eternal.

20) What time of the year did all this happen?

John 6:4 And the _____, a feast of the Jews, was nigh.



21) With that in mind what did Jesus tell the people?

John 6:48-51 I am that bread of _____. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the _____ bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my _____, which I will give for the life of the world.

In the paschal lamb God desired them to behold the Lamb of God, and through the symbol receive Him who gave Himself for the life of the world. But the Jews had come to make the symbol all-important, while its significance was unnoticed

22) Were the Jews happy with all these Words?

John 6:52 The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his _____ to eat?

23) Did Jesus shy away?

John 6:53-56 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye _____ the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his _____, ye have no _____ in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

24) Were they thrilled with this?

John 6:60-61 Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can _____ it? When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this _____ you?

25) How did Jesus reply?

John 6:62-64 What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before? It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are _____, and they are _____. But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.

26) What effect did it have?

John 6:66 From that time many of his disciples went _____, and walked _____ with him.

27) What cutting words did Jesus ask the Twelve?

John 6:67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go _____?

28) What did Peter reply?

John 6:68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to _____ shall we go? _____ hast the words of eternal life.

Are you a follower of Christ? Then all that is written concerning the spiritual life is written for you and may be attained through uniting yourself to Jesus. Is your zeal languishing? Has your first love grown cold? Accept again of the proffered love of Christ. Eat of His flesh, drink of His blood, and you will become one with the Father and with the Son.

Matthew 4:4 *But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*

The people had welcomed His miracle-working power; they were eager to be freed from disease and suffering; but they would not come into sympathy with His self-sacrificing life.

With a yearning heart, Jesus saw those who had been His disciples departing from Him, the Life and the Light of men. The consciousness that His compassion was unappreciated, His love unrequited, His mercy slighted, His salvation rejected, filled Him with sorrow that was inexpressible. It was such developments as these that made Him a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.