

## Chapter 6

1. Jesus feeds the five thousand (verses 1 - 15)
2. Jesus walks on water (verse 16 - 21)
3. Jesus is the bread of life (verses 22 - 59)
4. The words of eternal life (verses 60 - 71)

(Read verses 1 - 15)

<sup>2</sup> *A large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs he was doing on the sick.*

<sup>9</sup> *"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?"*

Feeds about 5,000 men, plus women and children;

this miracle is described in all four Gospels

(YouTube video: Gospel of John - Jesus feeds five thousand people)

verse 14      "the Prophet" refers to Moses' prediction in  
Deuteronomy 18:15

*The Lord your God will raise up a prophet like me  
from among you - it is to him you shall listen*

verse 15      why did Jesus withdraw?

# Jesus walking on water

(YouTube video: Gospel of John - Jesus walks on water)

verse 21      compare with Psalm 107:28 - 32

*<sup>28</sup> Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.*

*<sup>29</sup> He made the storm be still,  
and the waves of the sea were hushed.*

*<sup>30</sup> Then they were glad that the waters were quiet,  
and he brought them to their desired haven.*

*<sup>31</sup> Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,  
for his wondrous works to the children of man!*

*<sup>32</sup> Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,  
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.*

(Read verses 22 - 71)

Discuss in your groups:

verses 22 - 59

1. Come up with a two sentence summary of 22 - 59.  
Which are the key verses?
2. Are verse 37 and verse 44 in conflict? Explain.
3. What does it mean to eat the flesh and drink the blood of Jesus (verse 53)?

verses 60 - 71

1. Explain the meaning of verse 63.
2. How do verses 64 - 66 relate back to 37 and 44?

general

Is witnessing signs/miracles necessary for faith?

What strengthens your individual faith?

*(Which are the key verses in 22 - 59?)*

key verses include:

*<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."*

*<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>53</sup> So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup> Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."*

*(Are verse 37 and verse 44 in conflict?)*

*37 All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.*

*44 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.*

cf.

John 3:16    "...that **whoever** believes in him..."

How can salvation be open to all, yet dependent on the will of God?

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**the very desire to believe is a work of God's grace**



*(Explain the meaning of verse 63.)*

6:63      flesh (human nature including emotions, will, and intellect) is incapable of producing genuine spiritual life

the Holy Spirit works powerfully through Jesus' words, which awaken genuine spiritual life

*(How do verses 64 - 66 relate back to 37 and 44?)*

6:64 - 66     the faith of many early disciples was not genuine, because they rejected Jesus

reminder that even with ample proof/guidance,  
we can remain obstinate

Next week: John chapter 7