

Light and Life: Jesus in the Gospel of John

Today's message: **Bread from Heaven**

Seeing but not believing

John 6:35-36 (ESV)

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. But I said to you that **you have seen me** and **yet do not believe**.

The Christ who ...

Why did they not believe?

The Will of the Father

John 6:37-40 (ESV)

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. 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. 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."

1. *The Father ...*

2. *We ...*

3. *Jesus ...*

The result?

Jesus of **Nazareth** or Jesus of **Heaven**?

John 6:41-46 (ESV)

So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." 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'?"

Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. **No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him.** And I will raise him up on the last day. It is written in the Prophets*, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me — not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. "

Who comes to Christ?

“unless the father ... **draws him**”

The necessary role of **teaching** ...

What are the **irreducible minimums** of the Gospel?

Eat and Live

John 6:47-52 (ESV)

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. **I am the bread of life.**

Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 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.**”

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

Manna was a foreshadowing of ...

True food and true drink:

John 6:53-58 (ESV)

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.** Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For **my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.** Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.”

Jesus' sine qua non:

CONCLUSION: My Response ... How?