

## JESUS: OUR BREAD OF LIFE

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Today our church gathers around tables as a church family to express thanks for the blessings God has given our church and community. As we do so, it is appropriate to express gratitude for our greatest blessing: Jesus Christ Himself.

### THE MANNA THAT WAS A TYPE | VV. 30-35, 48-50

- Bread from Heaven was given in Moses' day, and was rejected, just as Jesus was given, and was rejected.
  - Exodus 16:4, 15, 31
  - Numbers 11:6
  - Deuteronomy 8:16
- The Father's gift of and the people's rejection of Manna is being replayed with the son's reception and rejection of Jesus.
- Just like the Manna was the bread of heaven in Moses' day, Jesus is the bread of heaven which must be consumed today.
- There is a sweetness in Jesus that cannot be matched – and also the ease of becoming tired with the Greatest Gift.

### THE FOREGONE CONCLUSION | VV. 36-40, 59-65

- Jesus **came unto His own, and His own received Him not** (John 1:11). This appears to be a great loss on God's part.
- Jesus assured His listeners that, **all that the Father giveth me shall come** (v. 37).
  - This must be defined grammatically and Biblically.
  - Grammatically, this is referring to a "thing" not a person."
    - The correct translation is "that."
    - This is in the neuter, not masculine. NIV, GNB, NLT, The Message, and HCSB get this wrong.
  - Biblically, this must be defined within the pages of Scripture.
    - What is the "thing" that the Father gives the Son? It is His inheritance.
    - What is His inheritance? It is Israel.
      - Matthew 21:38
      - Deuteronomy 32:9

- 1 Samuel 10:1
- Psalm 78:71, 135:4,
- Jeremiah 10:16

- Though the nation would reject Him, Jesus promised, **of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day** (v. 39).
- Is there hope for the individual living in the nation who had rejected her Messiah? Yes! Jesus promised that **him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out** (v. 37).
- This is in perfect harmony with John 1:11-12.

### THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE | VV. 66-71

- The words of Jesus were not words that attracted, but words that dispersed the crowd.
- If a person wants easy words, the Bible is not the place to find them.
- If a person wants words of eternal life, the Bible is the only place to find them.
  - Peter declared **thou hast the words of eternal life** (v. 68).
  - Peter's words were before the cross and before the mystery of the Gospel. He was trusting that Jesus was Messiah (v. 69), but had no way to trust in the *completed work* of Jesus Christ, as we have today.
  - Today we can rejoice that Jesus has the *works* of eternal life, and that we can place our faith in those works and receive the gift that God has provided through Jesus.
- If you have never done so, would you, today, recognize that-
  - Since Adam's sin, all of mankind has been separated from God.
  - God promised a Savior who would fix this problem.
  - That Savior is Jesus, who lived sinless, doing on our behalf what Adam failed to do.
  - That Savior died (paying the wages of sin), was buried, and rose again, living today to offer His life for ours.
  - God now offers eternal life in heaven to any who would believe.