

Ch 6

Theme – Lord returns to Galilean area (not Capernaum) & followed by a large crowd; near the Passover (likely end of 2nd year & Year of Popularity, about to start Year of Opposition; the Lord asks Philip what they should do to feed the people; Philip's answer indicates he feels overwhelmed by the need; Andrew brings the young boy to Jesus (only John tells us Andrew found the young boy); Feeding of the 5,000 (Miracle #4); Lord perceives the people want to make Him king by force (knows hearts of men- Jn 2:25); Lord goes off by Himself while disciples try to cross Sea of Galilee by boat; disciples struggling against the storm when they see the Lord walking on the water (Miracle #5); Lord reassures them & gets into the boat; when Lord gets into the boat, they immediately arrive at their destination (don't be safe, be with Jesus); people who were fed look for Jesus; locate the Lord at Capernaum synagogue; Bread of Life Sermon; Lord knows they have sought Him because they want more bread; long to receive the enduring food that leads to eternal life that only the Son of Man can give; "I AM the Bread of Life"- v35 (I AM Statement #1); Will of the Father that those given to Jesus will not be lost & that those who see/ behold & believe will have eternal life (Sovereignty of God/ Freewill Choice/ Responsibility of Man in v37, 39-40, 44-45, 70-71); people murmur because they don't see how Jesus can say this about Himself (see, but do not believe in Him); no one can come to the Jesus unless Father draws them (v44) and Father drawing the multitude by teaching them (v45); the one who hears & learns (active actions by listener) from the Father will come to Jesus; "Truly, Truly," whoever believes has eternal life (v29 35, 40, 47 emphasize this); Lord says to "eat" His body & "drink" His blood; people complain about this saying, but Lord already expressed that the dynamic is to believe, therefore the imagery of eating & drinking were metaphors for believing; Lord does not relent, but emphasizes the imagery (thereby showing the necessity of intimate fellowship with Jesus); whoever "eats His flesh & drinks His blood" abides in Jesus (1st I AM statement ties into 7th I AM statement- Jn 15:4-7); some of the followers struggle with this teaching, but this is the "easy stuff," what will they do when the Lord ascends into heaven?; life is only possible through the Spirit (think back to Jn 3:5 & being reborn in the Spirit); Lord knows many will stop following Him; 6:66- many stopped following (in v15, Jesus leaves the multitude & in v66, the multitude leaves Jesus); will the Twelve leave Jesus too?; Peter speaks for the group, that they believe that Jesus, alone, has words of eternal life (v47); sadly, the Lord knows Peter cannot speak for the group; Lord choose the Twelve & knows one of the Twelve will reject Him (passage ends with Sovereignty of God & Freewill choice of man)
