

The Book of John:
The Disciple Jesus Loved
Study Notes

Chapter 6 PT. 1: Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

John 6:1-15

Verses 1-2

John 6:1-2 (NASB) – “¹ After these things Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (*or* Tiberias). ² A large crowd was following Him, because they were watching the signs which He was performing on those who were sick.”

Note: Scripture makes it very clear why the masses follow Jesus, **because** they were watching the signs and wonders.

Verse 3

John 6:3 (NASB) – “³ But Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples.”



- Jesus was not impressed by the crowds because He knew their motives.
- Jesus is on mission and would not be distracted.
- Jesus' desire to please Father outweighed the accolades of men.

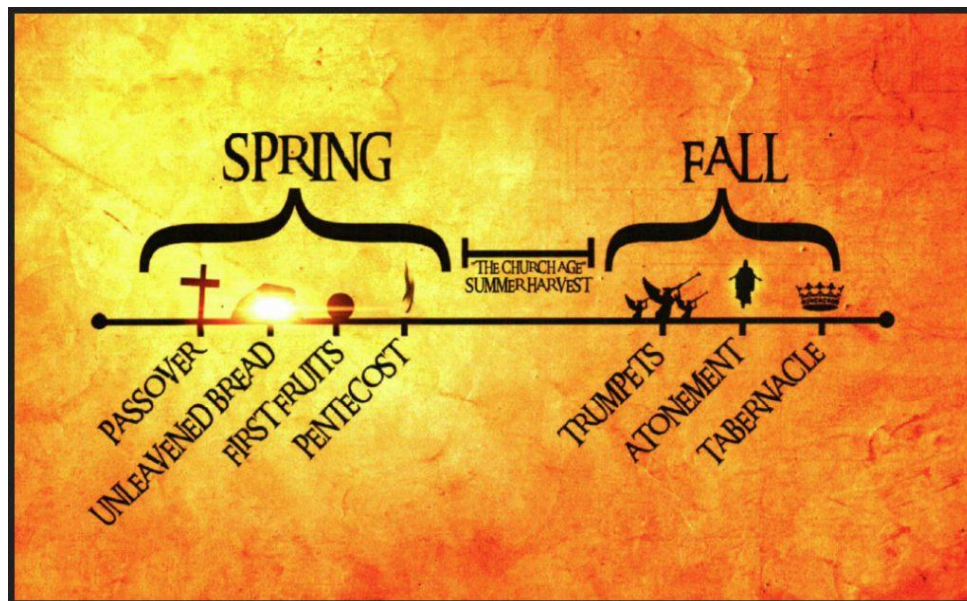
Verses 4-5

John 6:4-5 (NASB) – “⁴ Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was near. ⁵ So Jesus, after raising His eyes and seeing that a large crowd was coming to Him, said to Philip, ‘Where are we to buy bread so that these *people* may eat?’”

Key: The large crowd was already in the city because the Passover Feast was almost upon the Jews per **Verse 4**, and this is one of the 3 Jewish Pilgrimage Festival or making **Aliyah**.

Aliyah-(Hebrew)- "Aliyah" literally translates to "ascent" or "going up," and it's used to describe the act of immigrating to Israel with the intention of becoming a citizen. It's deeply rooted in the desire to return to the Jewish people's ancestral homeland.

- **Passover** (Pesach)
- **Shavuot** (Feast of Weeks) - Also can be called **Pentecost**, but not the same as Christian Pentecost.
- **Sukkot** (Feast of Booths) - Feast of **Tabernacles**



Note: The heart of the Lord is Mercy! Even knowing their impure motives; Yeshua still met the need!

Matthew 9:12-13 (NASB) – “¹² But when *Jesus* heard *this*, He said, ‘*It is* not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Now go and learn what this means: “I DESIRE COMPASSION, RATHER THAN SACRIFICE,” for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.’”



Understanding: This is Jesus' response when the Pharisees saw Him eating with publicans (tax collectors) and sinners. In the Jewish context, publicans were viewed with contempt and suspicion. They were seen as collaborators with the Roman occupiers, betraying their own people.

Verses 6-7

Note: When Jesus asked in **Verse 5** "Where are we to buy bread so that these *people* may eat?"; it was only a test!

John 6:6-7 (NASB) – "6 But He was saying this *only* to test him, for He Himself knew what He intended to do. 7 Philip answered Him, 'Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not enough for them, for each to receive *just* a little!'"

Key Point: Jesus never operates in uncertainty. Even when asking a question, He already knows the answer. Jesus' inquiry was only to test the faith of Philip.

John 2:25 (NASB) - "...He did not need anyone to testify about mankind, for He Himself knew what was in mankind."

- Jesus knows what is in the heart of every man, just as the Father does.
- **Psalm 139:1-6** describes G-d's comprehensive knowledge of a person's actions, thoughts, and even words before they are spoken.

Psalm 139:4 (NASB) – "Even before there is a word on my tongue, Behold, LORD, You know it all."

Luke 16:15 (NASB) – "And He said to them, 'You are the ones who justify yourselves in the sight of people, but God knows your hearts; because that which is highly esteemed among people is detestable in the sight of God.'"

Question: So why do we lie?

Answer: It can ONLY be to deceive people; G-d can Never be deceived. He is **Omniscient!**

Key: The term "omniscient" comes from the Latin words "omni" (**all**) and "scientia" (**knowledge**), meaning "all-knowing". **Nothing Artificial Here!**

Verses 8-9

John 6:8-9 (NASB) – “⁸ One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to Him, ⁹ ‘There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what are these for so many *people*?’”



Note: While I was looking at this Picture, I heard in my spirit, “G-d only needs your faith, He will multiply from there”.

Ex. TCLCM “Ministries, not Ministry”. One slight change of a word from the Holy Spirit put multiplication in my heart! It was my seed of faith! Jesus is trying to teach the Disciples a Truth. He simply wants one small act of faith, and He will multiply from that!

Verses 10-11

John 6:10-11 (NASB) – “¹⁰ Jesus said, ‘Have the people recline to eat.’ Now there was plenty of grass in the place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. ¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, and after giving thanks He distributed *them* to those who were reclining; likewise, also of the fish, as much as they wanted.”



- Jesus was not just testing their faith; He was testing their obedience.
- Even creation responded and gave a spot in the mountains full of grass.
- Jesus saw to their every need down to a comfortable place to receive the miracle.

Verse 12

John 6:12 (NASB) – “¹² And when they had eaten their fill, He said to His disciples, ‘Gather up the leftover pieces so that nothing will be lost.’”

Note: This is an overflow miracle! This is the type of Miracle that blesses others and not just you! Never limit the eternal!

Ephesians 3:20-21 (AMP) – “²⁰ Now to Him who is able to [carry out His purpose and] do **superabundantly more than all that we dare ask or think** [infinitely beyond our greatest prayers, hopes, or dreams], according to His power that is at work within us, ²¹ to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever and ever. Amen.”



Understanding: This epistle is believed by theologians and scholars to have been written by Paul while in Prison in Rome. **(This cannot be proven biblically.)** This

is a reminder to His children to take the limits off of Him in our hearts and minds. He is **limitless** because He is **ETERNAL**. He only needs our seed of faith!

Verses 13-14

John 6:13-14 (NASB) – “¹³ So they gathered them up, and filled **twelve baskets** with pieces from the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten. ¹⁴ Therefore when the people saw the sign which He had performed, they said, ‘This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world.’”



Number 12 In the Bible Represents:

- Divine Government
- Divine Authority
- Complete and Perfect Structure
- G-d's Divine Plan Unfolding

Note: Nothing is just happening. The Government of the Kingdom of G-d is in operation.

Key: Never Forget - when the Kingdom of G-d is operating, the Kingdom of darkness will always raise its ugly head!

Verse 15

John 6:15 (NASB) – “¹⁵ So Jesus, **aware** that they intended to come and take Him by force to make Him king, withdrew again to the mountain by Himself, alone.”

Note: This is a subtle strategy of the enemy. Not always is he trying to stop your mission, but making you move in your own timing will also cause you to reap the rewards of disobedience.

A Divine Instruction Given

1 Chronicles 12:32 (NASB) – “From the sons of Issachar, men who understood the times, with knowledge of what Israel should do, ...”

I saw this in front of me,



Pray This Prayer Daily:

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