

Seeing Does Not Equate With Believing

John 6:26-40

John gives us the discourse that followed the feeding of the five thousand. No other miracle stirred the masses, as did the loaves and the fishes. During this discourse Jesus uses the words, “verily, verily,” at least four times (verses 26, 32, 47, and 53) to emphasize spiritual truth!

- **The crowds were following for the wrong reason: (26-27)** The crowds of people were seeking Jesus. They had followed Him back across the Sea of Galilee. Jesus was not impressed by the crowds, but rather looked into their hearts and knew their motive.

Note: Jesus is the only One that can truly judge the intents and motives of our hearts!

Physical bread vs. spiritual bread!

Question: Are there many today who follow the Lord for what He can give them?

- **The crowds were focused upon the wrong thing. (28-31)** The crowds were demanding a sign: a sign like Moses gave in the wilderness.

John, the author, is writing “that we might believe that Jesus is ... the Son of God.” Signs are significant to his gospel revelation concerning Jesus as Lord. But we must be very clear, Jesus is not a magician doing tricks to entertain shallow crowds!

They had personally experienced the signs, yet they demanded more!

Think about the story in light of the Exodus narrative! Think about all that the children of Israel had witnessed, yet many died in unbelief in the wilderness.

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- **Jesus directs the crowds to saving faith. (32-40)** Jesus must have really shocked them with announcement that, “I am the Bread of Life.” (35)

This bread or manna was not given by Moses; it was given by the Father!

There is complete and absolute satisfaction in a relationship with the Lord. He satisfies a hungry soul. Do you have this relationship with Christ? Do the material things of the world leave you hungering for more? Try the “Bread of Life!”

Note: How does a person receive this Bread of Life?

- **Come to Jesus! (35, 37)**
- **Believe in Jesus! (35, 37, 40)**
- **Be secure in Jesus! (37-40)**

Jesus provides all we need for now and for eternity!