

# **NEW TESTAMENT BIBLICAL LITERACY**

## **JOHN – PART FIVE**

### **The Discourse of the Bread of Life**

#### **Lesson 15**

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Why Do You Want Jesus?

Do You Want Jesus?

If so, Why?

# Bread of Life Discourse

- Context of Discourse
- People Seeking Jesus

# Prosperity / Selfish Gain

“I tell you the truth, you are looking for me...because you ate the loaves and had your fill.”

John 6:26

# Prosperity / Selfish Gain

- Crass Materialism

“Just as today, many would eagerly embrace the gospel if it were empty of the bitterness of the cross and only brought carnal delights.” -- John Calvin

# Prosperity / Selfish Gain

Jesus: “work for eternal life – the food that endures,” rather than for “food that spoils.”

John 6:27

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# “BELIEVE”

- Assent
- Conviction
- Trust (2:24)

Present tense = Ongoing Action

# Show Me A Miracle!

- “Moses gave manna”
- Jesus doesn’t say “No.”
- A Theology Correction & Promised Miracle
  - God, Not Moses
  - More Than A Days Bread

# People Want a Handout

“from now on give us this bread”

John 6:34

“I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.”

John 6:35

# How Is Jesus the “Bread?”

- Communion Overlay
- Bread of Life to Do God’s Will
  - Not Sent for Prosperity
  - Not Sent for Self Righteousness
  - Not Sent for Show
  - Sent to **HOLD** and **RAISE UP** those God Draws to Jesus

# Not Their Jesus!

“Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say ‘I came down from heaven?’”

John 6:42

Concern: Jesus What We Want OR We What  
Jesus Wants?

# Grumbling

- Communion Ground work
- Grumbling / Arguing /Desertion

# Why Do You Want Jesus?

“We believe and know that you are the Holy  
One of God.”

Jesus has “the words of eternal life.”

Where else would we go?

John 6:68

# Points For Home

1. Seek Jesus
2. For Who He Is
3. With Pure Motives
4. Of Finding Your Place in God's Plan.
5. Don't Grumble
6. Don't Object to God's Way
7. Make Jesus Your Life