

## Junior Sunday School Outline

### Book- John

### Chapter- John 6:22-71

### Scripture- John 6:47-51

**Memory verse- Mark 14:22,** *"...Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body."*

INTRODUCTION- Today, with the remaining section of this chapter, we see Jesus teaching a multitude concerning the "Bread of Life", which could satisfy their eternal, spiritual need. Many of these same people had been with Jesus the day prior and witnessed the miracle of feeding over 5,000 people. They expected to reassemble with Jesus so that He might feed them once again. However, that morning Jesus was nowhere to be found. Those who had boats, sailed back to Capernaum where, to their surprise they found Jesus and asked "when camest Thou hither?" (v.25). This multitude sought Jesus only for the loaves and fishes that satisfied their physical needs, but here, Jesus instructs them on the spiritually satisfying "Bread which cometh down from Heaven". Rather than answer their question, Jesus tells them of their greatest need.

#### I. THE DISCUSSION OF PHYSICAL BREAD (v.22-40)

A. Jesus is questioned about when He came across the Sea of Tiberias (v.22-25)- It appeared outwardly that the people were genuinely interested in Jesus, but in reality, they were only interested in getting food for their bellies. Even today, many people only seek the Lord and His local churches for any physical "things" they can get for themselves (Matthew 6:25,33; I Corinthians 6:13). Strangely enough, some people will attend church with the expectation of "getting", while others come with the anticipation of "giving" (Malachi 3:10; James 4:1-3; Luke 6:38).

B. Jesus answers the multitude about "meat" that brings everlasting life (v.26-34)- Human nature desires to "do" something to earn salvation, and thus, this crowd asks what they can do for eternal life (v.28). Jesus answered this multitude by telling them that all God requires is "that ye believe on Him Whom He hath sent".

Irritated with that answer, the people demanded once again for a "sign". The day before, this same crowd was fed by a few loaves and fishes, yet they had already forgotten the miracle. Some of the Jews pointed back to what Moses did when he fed Israel for 40 years with the "bread from heaven" (Psalm 78:24). Jesus quickly reminds them that it was not Moses but God Who fed Israel. That same God was now sending His Son to be the "true Bread from Heaven" (v.48,51).

C. Jesus plainly tells these Jews that He is the Bread of life (v.35-40)- The Lord Jesus told the woman at the well that He was the "living Water" (John 4:10). Now, Jesus tells these Jews that He is the "Bread of life". Both bread and water are essential to sustaining physical life just as Jesus is the one Necessity for spiritual life. The Lord promises eternal security to all who come to Him by saying "I will in no wise cast out" (v.37; John 10:27-29; Romans 8:38-39).

## II. THE DISCERNMENT OF SPIRITUAL BREAD (v.41-71)

A. Jesus declares that His flesh is the spiritual bread of life (v.41-51)- These Jews complained against Christ's words, for they understood that if He was the "Bread" from Heaven, then he was God in the form of man. They reasoned that it could not be so as they knew His father and mother. The giving of Jesus' flesh is a reference to His sacrificial death on the cross of Calvary (Hebrews 10:20; I Peter 2:24; Colossians 1:21-22).

B. Jesus declares that salvation is only offered through the partaking of His flesh and blood (v.52-59)- Jesus was speaking to them of spiritual things, yet they only had a mind to understand physical or "carnal" things (I Corinthians 2:14). Jesus was using a figure of speech when He referred to eating His flesh and drinking His blood. Just as many use the expressions "swallow your pride" or "chew someone out", so Jesus was referring to trusting Him as Saviour by using this expression. The Jews were forbidden to eat blood of any kind in the law of Moses (Leviticus 3:17).

C. Jesus tells His disciples plainly that He is referring to spiritual things (v.60-71)- Many of Jesus' followers were offended at His "metaphor" about eating His flesh and blood. Others were outraged that He claimed to be "one with God", and that He had made Himself greater than their national hero, Moses. The people were looking for someone to deliver them from the Romans, and were unprepared for Jesus to deliver their souls. These "disciples" followed Jesus only for the miracles they witnessed, but became disenchanted by the message they heard and followed no more (II Timothy 4:3-4). Jesus asks His twelve disciples if they would also leave Him. The words of Peter in answer to His question are one of the highlights of Peter's young, Christian life: *"Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God"* (v.68-69). Jesus' disciples have been narrowed down to the faithful few, but even among them was "a devil", Judas Iscariot (Psalm 41:9, 55:12-14).

## III. CONCLUSION

1. Without bread or water, human life would eventually starve and die.
2. Without Jesus, Who is the "Bread of life" and the "living Water", we would remain spiritually dead and have no hope for eternal life in Heaven.
3. Have you partaken of Jesus, the Bread of life?
4. Song, "I love Him better every D-A-Y"