

## Jesus, More Than Just... John 6

Who is Jesus to you? A miracle worker, a prayer answerer, a needs provider, a teacher/coach, friend? **If that is all Jesus is for us, then that is not enough!**

Jesus does fulfill these roles, and we need Him too, but we also need Him to be so much more! **We need Him to be for us, our very source of life!**

- Some follow Jesus because they want to see signs & wonders!
- Some follow Jesus because He can/has met their earthly needs!
- Some follow Jesus because they are searching for truth!

**But if Jesus isn't our very source of life, we will all eventually walk away!**

Signs & wonders come and go! Answered prayers for earthly needs are in time forgotten! Jesus' teachings, though true, are often too hard to follow! **If our relationship to Jesus is dependent upon these things, it won't last!**

What we need, is for the power of God to draw us into relationship with the Son, and to keep us connected to Him as our only true lifeline!

Like the songs we sang together this morning:

- **"Lord I want/need more of You... Living breath of life come fill me up!"**
- **"All of You is more than enough for all of me, for every thirst & every need You satisfy me with Your love. All I have in You is more than enough!"**

Do we truly see Jesus in such a way? That if everything else in this life is stripped away, that He alone would still be enough?

Let's look at John 6 today and receive from God's Word, God's truth, about how **followers of Jesus not only come to be, but also remain no matter what.**

**John 6:1-71** - Listen for how some followers of Jesus walk away & some stay!

**Vs. 2 – "And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick."**

- Some follow Jesus because they want to see signs & wonders!

Listen to their response to Him after witnessing such things. **Vs. 14 – "When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, 'This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!'"** **They wanted to make Him king!**

But was that enough to make them stay with Jesus & follow Him forever?

**Vs. 22 – "On the next day the crowd that remained..."** Some in the crowd stayed in pursuit of Jesus, but it's implied that **many had already walked away!**

To those who remained Jesus declared, **Vs. 26 - "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves."** **They kept pursuing Jesus because of their full stomachs!**

- Some follow Jesus because He can/has met their earthly needs!

Jesus fed them with physical food & met their physical need, but listen to what He tells them in **Vs. 27 - "Do not work for the food that perishes, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you."**

Now they start questioning/doubting, & asking for a sign (**Vs. 30**). **Apparently feeding 5000 people with 5 loaves & 2 fish yesterday was now not enough!**

But instead of Jesus pointing that out, he rather points to Himself as the actual sign & wonder they should be looking for. **"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, & whoever believes in me shall never thirst."**

Their response, **Vs. 41 - "The Jews grumbled about him..."** **They wanted the sign more than the person behind it.** They wanted bread, but only the physical kind!

Jesus' response: **Vs. 43 – "Do not grumble among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him..."** **woah...**

Now some did continue to follow b/c they wanted to know the truth, even though **His teachings got increasingly harder to swallow!** **Vs. 53-58**

- Some follow Jesus because they are searching for truth!

But we see that even in that pursuit many turned away! **Vs. 60 - "When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?'"**

**Vs. 66 - "After this many disciples turned back & no longer walked with him."**

So Jesus then turned to the 12 and said, **"Do you want to go away as well?"** Simon Peter responds, **"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life, & we believed, & have come to know, that you are the Holy one of God!"**

But not all of them! Even within the 12 that Jesus called, 1 would walk away & betray Him. Why? **B/c he was after something other than Jesus Himself!**

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