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²⁵ And when they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, Rabbi, when did you come here? / in other words: How did you get here? Things did not add up; and they were confused. And notice, Jesus starts teaching this crowd of 5,000 along the shoreline, but He will end leading them to the front door of the synagogue.

²⁶ Jesus answered them and said,

Amen!, Amen!, I say to you, You seek Me, **not** because you saw the miracles, but because you ate the **loaves** / the **artos**; bread or loaves, and were filled.

²⁷ Do **not** labor for the food that perishes / Jesus is saying: You liked the free lunch; but you didn't even pause to comprehend the miracle worked in your midst. On occasion, Dr. Gene Scott said: if the choice is between easy or hard... choose hard! Sadly, most people don't,

but labor for the food that endures to life eternal, which the Son of Man will give you: for He is who God the Father has given His approval.

²⁸ Then they said to Him / obviously, slow to understand; and totally missing the mark,

What can we do, that we might work the works of God? / said differently: We want to do what You do! Of course, there is not a person... no man, no woman... no child -- small or great living on planet earth... who would not love to have that kind of power. Paul says, We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus -- being made in His Son's image... because the first Adam... had messed up things big-time!

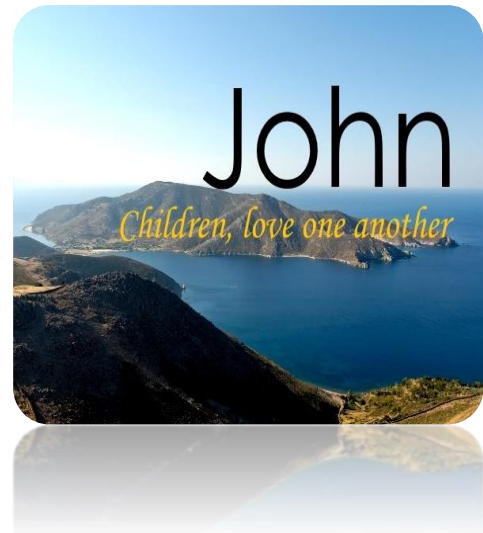
²⁹ Jesus answered and said to them, This is the work of God / this is what you get to do, **that you believe** / **faithing**; on Him whom He has sent / acting on what He promised with His seal of approval.

³⁰ So, they said to Him, then what sign will You show, that we may see, and believe You?

What work will You do? / these 5,000 ask Jesus: Could you give us another miraculous indicator? We will pay more attention next time! Many years ago, I noticed as the worship service was about to begin... the number of distractions that would also begin... phones ringing, or whatever disruption... every week; always the same. Some congregations can never start their service on time; always distracted; always unprepared. Could You razzle dazzle us again? We'll watch more closely. And then someone says:

³¹ Our fathers ate manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them **bread** / the **artos**; bread or loaves, from heaven to eat / perhaps someone in the crowd of 5,000 wants to teach, or at least brilliantly inform Jesus -- who is the Logos of God!

³² Then Jesus said to them, Amen! Amen! I say to you,



Moses did **not** give you that **bread** / so, the great Teacher is going to give the crowd following Him... yet another METANOIA moment, a moment to **change their thinking**; to **think** correctly about that bread. He says, that is NOT what we eat in heaven; and what you said they ate, did not come from Moses. The Lord your God humbled you; and caused you to hunger, and fed you manna that you did not know; so that you know a man does not live by bread only, **but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord**.

but **my Father gives you the true bread** / the artos from heaven. / Psalm 78:25 speaks of God providing: **abbir lehem**... translated **angel's food**; the Hebrew word is the name of where Jesus was born: Beth-lehem...meaning: House of bread;

³³ For the **bread** / the artos of God, is **He** who descends from heaven, and **gives life to the world**.

³⁴ Then they said to Him, Lord, evermore give us this **bread** / this artos.

³⁵ And Jesus said to them,

I Am the bread of life / the artos of life: **the one who comes to Me will never hunger; and the one who believes on Me will never thirst** / He could have said: he who joins Me; the one who learns from Me... get to know Jesus... His words; and His ways... and you will be full.

³⁶ But I tell you, That you also have seen Me, and yet do **not** believe.

³⁷ All who the Father gives Me will come to Me; and the one who comes to Me I will not cast out.

³⁸ For I descended from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

³⁹ And this is the will of the Father who sent Me, that I lose no one of those He has given Me, but **raise them up again on the last day**.

⁴⁰ And this is the will of Him that sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son, and believes on Him, will have life eternal: and **I will raise up on the last day**.

⁴¹ So, the **Jewish leaders** then muttered at Him, because He said, **I Am the bread** / the artos who descended from heaven.

⁴² And they said, Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? / envious religious leaders and adherents to their lifeless hocus pocus... in every generation send out their spies, to suppress the sublime movement of the Spirit of God; listen to their angry, spiteful inquisition.

So, how is it then that He says, I descend from heaven?

⁴³ So, Jesus answered and said to them, do **not** grumble among yourselves / you legalistic lovers of loveless hocus pocus, and religious drama... wanting to be center of attention.

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⁴⁴ **No one can come to Me, except the Father who has sent Me draw him: and I will raise up that one on the last day.**

⁴⁵ **It is written in the prophets, And they will all be taught of God** / and Jesus knows, God His Father is a good Teacher too - like Father, like Son. **Isaiah 2:** The God of Jacob, He will teach us of his way; **Isaiah 54:** and all your children will be taught of the Lord. **Ezekiel 34:** The word of the LORD came, saying, I will feed them in a good pasture; I will feed my flock.

Therefore, everyone who has heard, and has learned of the Father, comes to Me.

⁴⁶ **Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is of God, He has seen the Father.**

⁴⁷ **Amen! Amen! I say to you, the one who believes on Me has life eternal** / already, that one acting on His word, joining Him in the way He is going, has life eternal... right now, already started in this life.

⁴⁸ **I Am the bread / the artos of life.**

⁴⁹ **Your fathers ate manna in the wilderness, and are dead.**

⁵⁰ **This is the bread / the artos that descends from heaven, that anyone may eat of it, and not die** / because the true bread that comes from heaven gives life; but Jesus dismisses these murmuring religious geniuses... and continues teaching those who came to hear Him gladly.

⁵¹ **I Am the living bread** that descends from heaven:

anyone who eats of this bread, will live forever:

and the bread that I give is my flesh,

that I give for the life of the world.

⁵² **So, the Jewish leaders** struggled among themselves, saying, **How can this __ give us his flesh to eat?** / these religious geniuses were too busy... whitening and brightening their robes, polishing their performance to be seen by others; ignoring what really mattered: guarding God's word in their hearts!

Obviously, they forgot prophet Jeremiah who said: **Your words I found and I ate them**, and Your Word became for me the joy... and rejoicing of my heart: for I have been called by the Lord God of hosts! **Jeremiah 15**

⁵³ **Then Jesus said to these envious leaders, Amen! Amen! Amen!**

I say to you, Except you eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His blood,

you have no life in you / Jesus says: except you fully consume Me. The night He was betrayed, 12 times Jesus said: KEEP My words; and My commands: 1. Love God the Father above all else; 2. Love one another as I loved you! And for a second time if possible His shocking words... woke up some gathering!

⁵⁴ **The one who eats My flesh, and drinks My blood,**

has eternal life; and I will raise him up on the last day.

⁵⁵ **For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed** / and for a third time in case His jarring words... woke up more in the crowd, Jesus says

⁵⁶ **The one who eats My flesh, and drinks My blood, dwells in Me, and I in him** / YES! Jesus says... the night He is betrayed: if you love Me, keep My words: and my Father will love him and we will come to him and make our abode. Paul writes: we are in Christ; when Christ is in us!

Faith comes by hearing the word of God -- what some religious folks call a dead letter... and I guess for them, theirs is dead! And they are dead, lovers of manmade traditions rather than Jesus Christ and what He said!

⁵⁷ **As the living Father has sent Me, and I live by the Father: so the one who eats Me, even that one will live by Me** / the one who fully consumes Me; not just savoring little morsels... or selecting their favorite bits and pieces; but Jesus is talking about devouring the whole tamale; because the true bread which comes down from heaven gives life.

⁵⁸ **This is that bread** that descends from heaven:

not as your fathers ate manna, and died

he who eats of this bread will live forever / Jesus is talking about what Jeremiah learned: when he consumed the word of the Lord that produced inexpressible, indescribable joy.

⁵⁹ **These things He said in the synagogue, as He taught in Capernaum.**

⁶⁰ **So, many of His disciples / many... not just the 12; but many trying to do the math, when they had heard this, said, This is a difficult saying; who can listen to it? / it would be a hard lesson for us, too. When is the last time you heard someone say: he came from heaven? especially if you liked the guy? Had they forgot? Perhaps, they did not know, who it was who descended from heaven**



⁶¹ **When Jesus was aware that His disciples murmured at this, He said to them,**

Does this offend you? / clearly, Jesus asks: Are you stumbling over something I said? Or that the prophets said: God would be our Teacher? Or that the Father in heaven sent Me? Are you stumbling over today's lesson? Adam's race is to live by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord.

⁶² **What if you saw the Son of Man ascending to where He was before?** / Jesus asks: what if I went to where I came from? In a matter of weeks, this would happen. Jesus is a good Teacher, preparing His first-grade students for graduation... and for graduate school. Wow! He wasn't talking simple math; today's lesson included algebraic formulas and precalculus. This METANOIA moment is finished, and He summarizes:

⁶³ **It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh profits nothing** / clearly, Jesus has them know... that nothing He taught was about the carnal and mundane... or the physical life that decays:

THE WORDS I SPEAK TO YOU, they are spirit, and they are life / Jesus speaks lessons using spiritual words – powerful words; where love and joy and peace can be found.

⁶⁴ **But there are some of you who do not believe** / no great mystery: He saw it in their body language -- in their yawns and their inflexible folded arms; and He heard it in their dismissive mumblings.

For Jesus knew from the beginning those who did not believe, and who would betray Him / He knows who is and is not made in the image of God, who love themselves more than God; who do not care to know what God promised. Whether or not this is something Jesus also knew from the beginning, who it was who would betray Him certainly clarified itself... as His reason for coming approached.

⁶⁵ **And He said, So, I said to you, that no one can come to Me, except My Father allows him.**

⁶⁶ **From that time many of His disciples went away, and walked no more with Him.**

⁶⁷ **Then Jesus said to the Twelve, Will you also go away?**

⁶⁸ **Then Simon Peter answered Him, Lord, to whom would we go?**

You have the words of eternal life.

⁶⁹ **And we believe and are sure that You are the Christ / the Messiah, the Son of the living God.**

⁷⁰ **Jesus answered them, Have I not chosen Twelve, yet one of you is diabolic?**

⁷¹ **He spoke of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was who would betray Him, being one of the Twelve.**

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