



THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Lesson 6
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Passovers during Jesus' ministry:

- AD 27 Passover Jn 2:13 "Jesus went to Jerusalem"
- AD 28 "feast of the Jews" Jn 5:1 *Passover or Tabernacles?*
- AD 29 Passover Jn 6:4 "was near" (in Galilee)
- AD 30 Passover Jn 12:1 "six days before Passover"
=final Passover before crucifixion

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Between ch 5 and ch 6:

a gap of 6 months to 1 year:

- growing crowds, healings Mt 8, 12; Mk 3; Lk 7
- more controversies, especially over Sabbath observance Mt 12; Mk 2; Lk 6
- selection of 12 apostles; Mt 10; Mk 3; Lk 6
- sermon on the mount; Mt 5-7; Lk 6
- widow's son raised from dead; Lk 7
- teaching in parables; Mt 13; Mk 4; Lk 8

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Context of John 6: see Mark 6

- Mk 6:7-13 disciples sent out by Jesus; v.13 casting out demons, healing
- Mk 6:14 Herod hears & gets upset; had killed John the Baptist
- [Mk 6:16-28 circumstances surrounding beheading of John: John had confronted Herod for taking his brother's wife]
- Mk 6:29 the disciples retrieve John's body and bury him
- Mk 6:30-32 Jesus takes His disciples away to rest; need to recover both from ministry and from the news about John.

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John 6:5 "Jesus, lifting up His eyes and seeing that a large crowd was coming"

Mk 6:34 "...He saw a large crowd, and He felt compassion for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things."

Jn 4:35 "...lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest."

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"The LORD your **God** will raise up for you a prophet like me [Moses] from among you...you shall listen to him...."

Deut. 18:15

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"...He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them." Hebrews 7:25

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- Jn 6:19-21 “walking on the sea” = demonstrates His power and authority over nature. (Mt 14:22-23)
- Jn 6:21 “immediately the boat was at the land” = demonstrates His power and authority over time and space.
- Mark 4:41 “...Who then is this, that even the wind and sea obey Him?”

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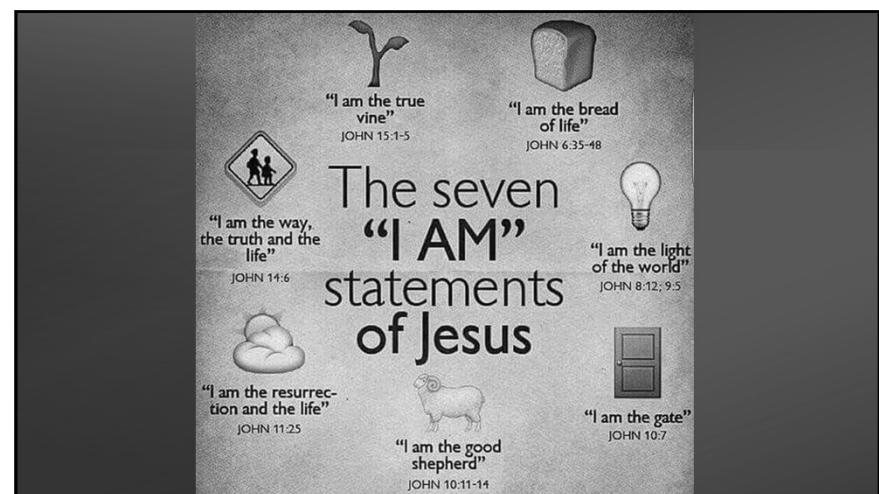
John 6:27

- “Do not keep on working (*present imperative*) for food that perishes”
 - NOT an instruction not to work (II Thes 3:10)
- But IS an instruction regarding priorities:
 - “work for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you...”
 - our focus shouldn’t be on this life, which is temporal, but on that which is eternal.

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- “I who speak to you am *He*.”
lit.= “I AM, the one speaking to you”
- Exodus 3:14 “God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And He said, “Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel: ‘I AM has sent me to you’”
- The Old Testament “I AM” = Jesus!

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- Jn 6:37 “All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.”
- Jn 6:39 “all that He has given Me” → *believers are God's gift to His Son!*
- Jn 6:39 “This is the will of Him...that of all He has given Me I lose nothing!” → once we are believers, *we cannot lose our salvation.*

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- Jn 6:44 “No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him”
- Jn 6:65 “...no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the Father.”
- The Greek word for “draws” is not merely beckoning, but rather speaks of a powerful pulling.
 - disciples dragging their nets full of fish (Jn 21:6,11)
 - Paul being dragged out of the temple (Acts 21:30)
 - Paul & Silas dragged into the forum (Acts 16:19)

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Do we choose God or does He choose us?

Eph 1:4 “...He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him....”

Rom 3:10 “...there is none righteous...there is none who seeks for God....”

→ *no one comes to God unless God draws him, unless God works in his heart first.*

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Do we choose God or does He choose us?

John 5:40 “...you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life.”

John 1:12 “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,”

John 1:13 “who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.”

→ *God initiates our salvation, but we must receive Him.*

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“...God deals as with a responsible being. He powerfully influences the mind, will, heart, the entire personality. These, too, begin to function in their own right, so that Christ is accepted by a living faith. But both at the beginning and throughout the entire process of being saved, the power is ever from above; it is very real, strong, and effective; and it is wielded by God Himself!”

William Hendriksen

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Peter ‘gets it right!’

Jn 6:68 “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

Bill Davis: “Either Christianity is worth everything or it is worth nothing.”

Paul: “If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.”

I Cor 15:19

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Two parallel verses:

Jn 6:54 “He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

Jn 6:40 “...everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.”

*“eats My flesh and drinks My blood” =
“beholds the Son and believes in Him”*

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Lessons from John 6:

1. Demonstration of Jesus’ omniscience, and His power and authority over nature, time, & space:
 - Multiplying the bread and fish; Jn 6:11-13
 - Walking on the water; Jn 6:19
 - Transporting the boat “immediately” to its destination. Jn 6:21
 - Knowing their thoughts and hearts. Jn 6:6, 15, 26, 36, 61, 64

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Lessons from John 6:

1. Demonstration of Jesus' omniscience, and His power and authority over nature, time, & space.
2. God draws us to Jesus for salvation and keeps us.
Jn 6:37-44
3. God requires a total commitment to Christ. Jn 6:51-58
4. Christianity is exclusive. There is no other source of eternal life. Jn 6:68

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“And there is salvation in no one else; for there is NO OTHER NAME under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”

Acts 4:12

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