

Simply Jesus | Bread

John 6:1-71

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I. Reasons People Come to Church

- a. They're made to come.
- b. They feel they're supposed to come.
- c. They truly want to come.

II. Types of People Following Jesus (John 6:1-73)

"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst.

—John 6:35

"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. 54Whoever feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. 55For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink.

—John 6:53-55

- a. Some were interested inquirers. (6:2, 26; 66)

After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. 2And a large crowd was following Him, because they saw the signs that He was doing on the sick.

—John 6:1-2

"Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.

—John 6:26

b. Some were spiritual seekers. (6:14-15; 25-59; 66)

When the people saw the sign that He had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

—John 6:14

Perceiving then that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by Himself.

—John 6:15

Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on Him God the Father has set His seal."

—John 6:27

28Then they said to Him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" 29Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent."

—John 6:28-29

So they said to Him, "Then what sign do You do, that we may see and believe You? What work do Uou perform?"

—John 6:30

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst. 36But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe.

—John 6:35-36

No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.

—John 6:44

All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and whoever comes to Me I will never cast out.

—John 6:37

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all.

—John 6:63

You do not believe because you are not among My sheep. 27My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

—John 10:26-27

give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand. 29My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

—John 10:28-29

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When many of His disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?”

—John 6:60

After this many of His disciples turned back and no longer walked with Him.

—John 6:66

c. Some were devoted disciples. (6:66-69)

So Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” 68Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, 69and we have believed, and have come to know, that You are the Holy One of God.” 70Jesus answered them, “Did I not choose you, the twelve? And yet one of you is a devil.”

71He spoke of Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the twelve, was going to betray Him.

—John 6:67-71

III. It's possible to be associated with Jesus yet miss Him completely. (John 6:70-71)

Study Questions

1. People show up to church for various reasons. Take a moment to consider your true motives for coming to church. If applicable, how have your motives changed over the years? Explain. People also follow Jesus for various reasons. In your own words, give several reasons why people might want to follow (and/or identify) with Jesus? Explain.
2. Read John 6:1-71. Throughout this chapter, John alludes to different groups of people who were following Jesus and why they were following Him. Identify each group. Place yourself in this chapter. If you were living and witnessed all Jesus was doing, in which group might you best fit? Explain. Also, how do you think you would have responded to Jesus' hard teachings about being the Bread of Life?
3. It was said in this week's message: It's possible to be associated with Jesus yet miss Him completely. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Explain. In your own opinion, what does it typically take for someone to finally turn from Jesus or surrender fully to Him? (See 6:60-67). What about you? Do you feel you're simply associated with Jesus (and His church)...or do you feel you're truly fully surrendered?

Spend some time in solitude with the Lord. Ask God to search your heart and reveal your true motives for following Jesus. Ask Him for the grace to transform your heart to where you are more fully surrendered.