

I. THE MANNA AND THE PASSOVER

A. The People

- i. All had received all they could eat (vs. 11)
 1. As much as they would. And they got filled (vs. 12)
 2. Nobody went away hungry
- ii. And they chased Him down (vs. 25)
 1. They didn't want to lose this miraculous meal-ticket
 2. And Jesus told them exactly why they were there (vs. 26)
 3. Not for spiritual gain, but purely for physical reasons
 4. He admonished them (vs. 27)
- iii. They brought up Moses (vs. 31)
- iv. They were comparing Jesus to Moses
- v. They were saying this feeding the 5000 was a pretty good parlor trick
 1. But "Moses" did it for 40 years
 2. Just sayin'
 3. Jesus quickly corrected them (vs. 32)

B. Exodus 16:14-21

- i. Even Moses told them who gave them the bread (vs. 15)
 1. There should be no confusion here
 2. Moses was a great leader, but he was NOT God
 3. Good thing too – Moses was wroth and yet they survived (vs. 20)
 4. But that was after the worms appeared and it stank
 - a. What does it mean?
 - b. Moses didn't know until it had already been done
 - c. The worms didn't appear because Moses knew
 - d. Moses knew because the worms appeared
- ii. Perfect picture of Bible Reading isn't it?
 1. The Model prayer says, "Give us this day our daily bread"
 - a. A reminder to this time in Israel's history
 - b. Where they had literally relied on God every day for bread
 - c. Of course, there's the physical aspect of that
 - d. We do it too – God gives us health and mind to work
 - e. God has provided for us for bread and also every breath!
 2. It was HARD Work!
 - a. Look at vs. 14 – SMALL as a frost crystal
 - b. They weren't picking watermelons each day
 - c. They were hunting and seeking
 3. Just like we should do with God's Word. Study!
- iii. Better get prepared
 1. Each day brings its own kind of "heat." Some call it Stress!

2. Better gather in the morning and get ready (vs. 21)
- C. Exodus 12:5-10
 - i. There's another applicable passage in Exodus for John 6
 1. That's the record of the Passover
 2. It had two elements you'll notice
 - a. Flesh
 - b. Blood
 - ii. Notice that a feast is instituted (vs. 14)
 1. And they eat the Passover each year
 2. Even to this day observant Jews celebrate Passover
 3. But no further talk of blood on the door posts and lintel
 - iii. Perfect picture of our Lord and His Word
 1. We eat the bread every day
 2. But we only need the blood applied to our hearts one time!
 - iv. All of thi

II. THE MURMURING OF THE PEOPLE

- A. Before we had the crowd (John 6:41)
 - i. Now we have the Jews
 1. Jesus had spoken with them on the seashore
 2. At some point He traveled to the Synagogue (vs. 59)
 - ii. These were the religious leader of Capernaum
- B. They knew Mary and Joseph (vs. 42)
 - i. See how they try to demean our Savior
 1. They called Him the son of Joseph
 2. They refused to see Him as the Son of God!
 - ii. Interesting He never says "my Father" in this chapter like He does in 5:17
 - iii. Notice this as well:
 1. If Joseph was his father, he'd be a Jew
 2. But he draws a distinction between Himself and them (vs. 49)
 3. And again in vs. 58 – no mistaking what He is saying
- C. They were murmuring to the Bread of Life
 - i. Just like they murmured and complained with the Manna from Heaven
 - ii. Numbers 21:5 – "And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread."
 - iii. And because they murmured, He confounded them!
 - iv. It isn't without other examples.
 - v. Matthew 13:11 – "He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given."

III. THE MESSAGE OF THE PREACHER

- A. Hear what He preached (vs. 44)
 - i. Let's not attempt to blunt the Lord's point
 - 1. He said CAN not WILL. He means it is impossible!
 - 2. We know this – No one can get Saved on their own schedule
 - 3. You can't go sow wild oats in your youth and do the church thing later after you've had your fun!
 - 4. Proverbs 27:1 – "Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth."
 - ii. Salvation is entirely of the Lord!
 - iii. Jonah 2:9 – "But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD."
- B. God is in the Saving Business
 - i. And people need salvation – I sure did
 - 1. God did the Saving and I did the letting
 - 2. I certainly couldn't Save myself!
 - ii. Mark 7:21-23 – "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, (22) Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: (23) All these evil things come from within, and defile the man."
 - iii. John 1:12 – "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: (13) Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."
 - iv. But HOW?
- C. It is the Gift of God – put it all together!
 - i. Ephesians 2:8 – "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: (9) Not of works, lest any man should boast."
 - ii. Romans 10:17 - "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."
 - iii. 1 Corinthians 2:14 – "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."
- D. WE MUST GET SAVED when the Holy Spirit is dealing with us!

IV. THE MEAT AND THE PROMISE

- A. Taught of God (vs. 45)
 - i. Jesus is referring to the common Salvation (not that it's drab or everyday)
 - ii. But that it is singular and consistent for all!

- iii. Jude 1:3 – “Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.”
 - B. These Jews did not recognize their spiritual need
 - i. They did not know they were blind to the Light of God
 - ii. He wanted to give them meat which endureth to everlasting life
 - iii. But they didn’t hear the message
 - iv. They didn’t taste the meat
 - v. So, they couldn’t have the promise
 - C. He offers an endless supply
 - i. Compare vs. 50 and vs. 51!
 - ii. He CAME down – He was standing there before them!
 - iii. But the bread COMETH down.
 - 1. That is a verb tense that implies both a prior state
 - 2. And a CONTINUING state.
 - iv. So never-ending manna in the Word of God
 - v. But only one Jesus Christ! Only one SOURCE!
 - D. Transubstantiation
 - i. This strange doctrine is taught by Catholics and others
 - ii. They literally believe that in communion, the elements transform into the actual flesh and blood of Jesus after the priest prays a special prayer
 - iii. This is patently false and unbiblical
 - iv. It would make the partaker a cannibal.
 - v. And the Bible says:
 - 1. John 6:63 – “It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.”
 - 2. Leviticus 17:12 – “Therefore I said unto the children of Israel, No soul of you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger that sojourneth among you eat blood.”

V. THE MESSIAH AND THE PROBLEM

- A. Sin is the problem
 - i. That’s why we need a Savior
 - ii. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God
 - iii. There is none righteous, no not one.
- B. Hell is the penalty
 - i. It really exists – the rich man in Luke 16 is still there!
 - ii. The wages of sin is death
- C. Jesus is the answer!
 - i. COME TO HIM
 - ii. You must come to Him while the Holy Spirit is wooing you, drawing you

- iii. The Bible says that His Spirit will not always strive with man
 - iv. If you wait this time, it might become too late
 - v. What if He stops knocking on your heart's door?
- D. Get Saved Today!