



Calvary of Albuquerque

Wonder Bread! - John 6:30-50

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

The Hostess Company has for years advertised that its Wonder bread "helps build strong bodies 12 ways" and that just two slices has the calcium of eight ounces of milk and the fiber of 100% whole wheat. Wow! The crowd that Jesus was speaking to would have loved that! But our Lord presents something to them far greater than what they were wanting. He knew what they needed.

OUTLINE

- I. The Menu—What is This Bread?
 - A. It's a Person, Not a Food
 - B. It's the Source of Life
- II. The Meal—How is the Bread Enjoyed?
 - A. Divine Election—Drawn & Given
 - B. Human Choice—Come & Believe
- III. The Master Plan—What Will This Bread Do?
 - A. It Will Save You
 - B. It Will Satisfy You
 - C. It Will Secure You



Making it more than a Sermon:

1. What kind of bread best describes your spiritual life? (e.g., fresh baked whole wheat, day-old white, sourdough, crusty)? Why?
2. How satisfied are you with your spiritual diet plan? How many spiritual meals do you enjoy a week?

DETAILED NOTES

John follows a pattern in his writing. John uses a sign as a set-up for the sermon. A demonstration followed by a declaration. The signs in Jerusalem recorded in John 2 were a set up for Jesus' discussion with Nicodemus in John 3. In John 4, the sign of Jesus being able to read and tell the intimate details of the Samaritan woman's life were the set up for His talk to her about drinking living water. In John 5, Jesus' healing of the man at the Pool of Bethesda was the setup for the talk about the four-fold witness of who Jesus Christ is. Jesus feeding of the 5,000 (15,000 or so) in John 6 was the set up for this long message about the Bread of Life. John covers the miracles quickly to get to the details of what Jesus said. Miracles reveal Christ's power, but words reveal the plan, the purpose, and the person.

- I. The Menu--What is This Bread?
 - A. It's a Person, Not a Food vss. 33, 35
 1. Comparing Jesus to Moses - Deuteronomy 18:15
 - a. They ask Jesus for a sign
 - b. They had just seen a sign
 - c. Moses fed them every day, thought he must be better than Jesus
 2. Manna
 - a. God brought it, not Moses
 - b. Physical food, with no eternal purpose
 - c. True Spiritual nutrition found in living person, not a loaf of bread
 3. I AM the Bread of life
The first of seven I AM statements. (Light of the World - John 8:12; Door to the Sheepfold - John 10:7; Good Shepherd -

John 10:11; Resurrection and Life - John 11:25; the Way, the Truth, the Life - John 14:6; True Vine - John 15:1)

B. It's the Source of Life Life - Zoe - eternal life spiritual life (bios- physical life; psuche-conscious, personality) John 14:6; John 10:10

II. The Meal--How is the Bread Enjoyed? Vss. 36, 43, 37

A. Divine Election Drawn & Given

1. The Father's divine invitation
2. Divine viewpoint
3. Divine sovereignty
4. A love gift from the Father to the Son

B. Human Choice--Come & Believe

1. You have to come
2. Human viewpoint
3. Human choice

Prevenient grace before man can seek God, God must seek him. God draws people and enables them to make their own choice and believe in Him. Instead of fighting about these views, we should respond with a glad heart (rejoice that He has chosen you) and a gabby mouth (tell as many people as you can to believe in Christ).

III. The Master Plan What Will This Bread Do?

A. It Will Save You - vs. 47

- A. Everlasting life, salvation
- B. Are you saved? Come to Christ - Matthew 7:13
 - a. Separate from sin; repentance
 - b. Submit to Christ; faith

B. It Will Satisfy You - vs. 35

1. Longing in the heart of every person for profound satisfaction
2. God put that restlessness there - Romans 8:20

C. It Will Secure You vs. 40

1. I will raise him up on the last day (three times)
2. Iron-clad guarantee

Figures Referenced: Henry Thoreau; Billy Sunday; Charles Spurgeon; Elvis Presley; Albert Einstein; Ferdinand Marcos; Nicolas Cage

Cross References: Deuteronomy 18:15; Matthew 7:13; John 8:12; John 10:7; John 10:10; John 10:11; John 11:5; John 14:6; John 15:1; Revelation 3:20

Greek Terms: zoe- eternal life, spiritual life; bios- physical life; psuche- conscious, personality