

- Last week we began our study of the Gospel account that John wrote. We noted that the author of this Gospel account was the Apostle called John, not John the Baptist. We also noted that his account of the Gospel was written non-chronologically and that he said he wrote the book with a focus on belief in Christ that “you may have life in His name.” (John 20:30-31) We looked at how he used the word “Light” a lot to describe Christ. We also looked at some events John records surrounding John the Baptist, Christ’s assembling of the first apostles, and Christ’s first miracle. We also looked at some key events that John recorded, such as Christ’s interaction with a Samaritan woman, Christ’s healing of a Roman Centurion’s child, Christ’s healing of a lame man on the Sabbath, and some of the key teachings of Christ.
- This week we are going to do an examination of three key events John records in what we call the 6th – 8th chapter of his Gospel account. We will do a “deep dive” into the sixth chapter. First, we will look at the miracle Jesus performs which we commonly refer to as the “feeding of the five thousand,” then we will look at an event we commonly refer to as Christ “walking on the water.” Finally, we will conclude that chapter with a look at what we commonly refer to as Jesus “Bread of Life discourse.” We will hit the highlights of chapters 7 and 8, with a special focus on the “woman caught in adultery.”
- Christ was up on a mountain (likely He had just delivered what we call the “Sermon on the Mount”). A large crowd had assembled, we read there was a “large crowd” which we later find out was 5,000 men (with women and children there were likely a lot more, maybe as many as twice that or more). Jesus tells Philip to buy bread for the people (John tells us this was a test). Philip said to Jesus “how are we to buy bread, even 200 denarii (one denarius was the common wage for a person for a day) would not be enough to get people even a little bit of food to share?” (John 6:1-7).
- Andrew then tells Christ that there is a child there who brought five loaves and bread and two fish. Christ tells His followers to have everyone sit down since the area was grassy and presumably quite comfortable to sit on. Jesus blesses the food and starts to distribute it personally. Christ allows people to take as much as they want. When people are done eating, Christ instructs his apostles to gather up the leftovers that “none may be lost.” They do, and end up gathering up twelve basketfuls of food. The people are so impressed that they call Christ the “Prophet” and he leaves believing they intend to make Him a king. (John 6:8-15)
- John records an incident where the disciples went out on a boat and left Jesus behind. They rowed about three or four miles out, and a storm came up. They see Jesus walking on the water toward them, and at first are scared (presumably because they don’t know it’s Him), but He identifies Himself and tells them not to be afraid. They take Him in the boat and immediately after they do so, they arrive at the place where they were going. (John 6:16-20)
- The world uses an expression for someone who is really amazing at what they do. In that case they say a person “walks on water” which is a clear reference to this miracle. A lot of

people who use that expression may not even be aware of its origin. In fact, there was only one individual who ever actually walked on water and to use that analogy, even in jest, for anyone else, is not appropriate.

- The people see that Christ and His disciples are gone. They reckon that they must have all crossed the sea so they get boats and go over there. When they find Christ, they ask Him when He came there. He doesn't address that specifically. He only says that they are seeking Him not because of the signs He did but because they got fed. Then He urges them to eat the food of eternal life. He draws the comparison to manna provided to the Israelites by God through Moses, and says that the bread of God is from heaven. They understand and ask Him to give them that kind of bread. (John 6:22-34)
- Jesus tell them that He is the bread of life come down from God and heaven, and those who believe this fact will have eternal life. (John 6:35-40)
- The Jews are upset because they know Jesus was born of earthly parents and they do not understand how He can claim to be sent from Heaven. Christ reiterates that God sent him from Heaven and that He was the bread of life. He further explains that he will be raised up and the bread He will give the world is His flesh, which unlike the manna from God in the wilderness, that people who eat of it will never die. (John 6:41-51)
- The Jews are still not understanding, they don't see how someone can eat Christ's actual flesh. Christ reiterates that the people who eat His flesh and drink His blood will have eternal life. Even Christ's own disciples are not understanding and so He explains He is talking about spirit and life. Still, Christ lost many disciples over this very incident, and so Christ asks the core twelve apostles if they want to go too. Peter tell Christ they have nowhere else to go and are following Him because they know He has the words of eternal life. (John 6:60-68).
- Christ agrees with his disciples that He should not attend the Feast of Booths (where Jews were supposed to live in tents to commemorate their forefathers who camped in the wilderness) because of the public's increasing rejection of Him. About mid-feast, He goes to the temple and starts teaching anyway. (John 7:1-24)
- The people start to wonder if He is the Christ because He has done a lot of miracles. The religious leaders hear this and send people to arrest Christ and He assures them that He will be with them a little longer then He will go where they cannot come. They don't arrest Him at this point, but they don't understand how He says He can just go away like that. (John 7:25-36)
- Jesus tells the people that those who believe in Him will have rivers of living water flowing from their hearts. Some believe Him and others do no. (John 7:50-53).
- The Pharisees bring a woman caught in the act of adultery to Christ and say that the law requires that they stone her and what do they suggest He do? They had probably staged the whole thing because the old law required them to put both the man and the woman to death (Leviticus 20:10) and if they really caught the woman in the act, they should have the man too. Christ tells the person that is without sin to cast the first stone. From the oldest to the youngest, they all drop their rock and walk off. Christ is left alone with the woman

and she asks her where everyone went and then tells her to go and sin no more. (John 8:1-11)

- Jesus says He is the Light of the World and says that those who believe that will live and those who do not believe will die in their sins. Some people do not understand, but some do and believe in Him. (Luke 8:12-30)
- Christ says that those who practice sin are a slave to sin, but those who believe in Him know the truth, and that the truth will set them free. (Luke 8:31-37)
- Christ disagrees with their notion that they are sons of Abraham, saying that if they were, they would recognize Him as being from God. (Luke 8:39-47)
- The religious leaders accuse Christ of having a demon, especially for talking bad about Abraham (which He did not). Christ merely says, "before Abraham even existed, I did." (Luke 8:48-59).

1. Where is Christ when Luke 6 opens?
2. How many people are present with Christ in the beginning of John 6?
3. Who does Jesus tell to buy bread for the people? How does he respond?
4. Who brought five loaves and two fishes?
5. What does Jesus do with the five loaves and two fishes?
6. How many basketfuls of leftovers are gathered in John 6?
7. Why does Christ have to leave after his miraculous feeding in John 6?
8. How far out were the disciples in their boat when Christ came walking to them?
9. What was the disciples' reaction before Christ identified Himself?
10. What happened when the disciples took Christ into their boat?
11. When the people realize Christ is gone in John 6 what do they do?
12. Where does Christ say bread of life comes from? What analogy does He use?
13. When the people realize what bread from heaven Christ references, what do they do?
14. What does Jesus say is the bread from heaven? What does He say will happen to those who believe this?
15. Why are the Jews upset that Jesus claims He is from Heaven?
16. What does Christ say is the bread of life?
17. What causes Christ to loose followers?
18. Who responds and what does he say when Christ asks the apostles if they want to leave too?
19. What Feast does Christ agree not to go to, then teaches in the temple anyway?
20. What does Christ tell the Jewish religious leaders who try to arrest Him?
21. What does Christ say His believers will have flowing from their heart?
22. How do we know the Jewish religious leaders probably manufactured the incident in which they wanted to stone a woman caught in the act of adultery?
23. What does Jesus say to those who would stone the woman? What does He tell her?
24. Jesus says He is the Light of what?
25. What does Jesus say the truth will do?
26. Who does Christ say he predates?