

John 6



What Happens in John 6

1. Jesus feeds the 5000 (6:1-15).
2. Jesus walks on the water (6:16-21).
3. Jesus uses their fixation on bread to teach “I am the bread of life” (6:22-40).
4. Controversy arises about Jesus’ strong teaching (6:41-59).
5. Many of Jesus’ disciples stop following Him (6:60-71).

Between John 5 & 6

1. More Sabbath controversies (Jn 5:1-9; Mt 12:1-8; Mt 12:9-14)
2. Jesus’ Growing Popularity (Mt 12:15-21; Mk 3:7-12)
3. The Twelve Disciples Chosen (Mk 3:13-19; Lk 6:12-16)
4. The Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5-7; Lk 6)

Between John 5 & 6

5. Other Miracles/Signs (Mt 8-12; Mk 3-5; Lk 7-8)
6. Jesus Accused of Casting Out Demons by Beelzebub (Mt 12:22-45; Mk 3:20-30)
7. Teaching in Parables (Mt 13-14; Mk 4-6; Lk 8-9)
8. John the Baptist Beheaded (Mt 14:1-12; Mk 6:14-29; Lk 9:7-9)

Luke 9:10-11

And the apostles, when they had returned, told Him all that they had done. Then He took them and went aside privately into a deserted place belonging to the city called Bethsaida. But when the multitudes knew it, they followed Him; and He received them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who had need of healing.



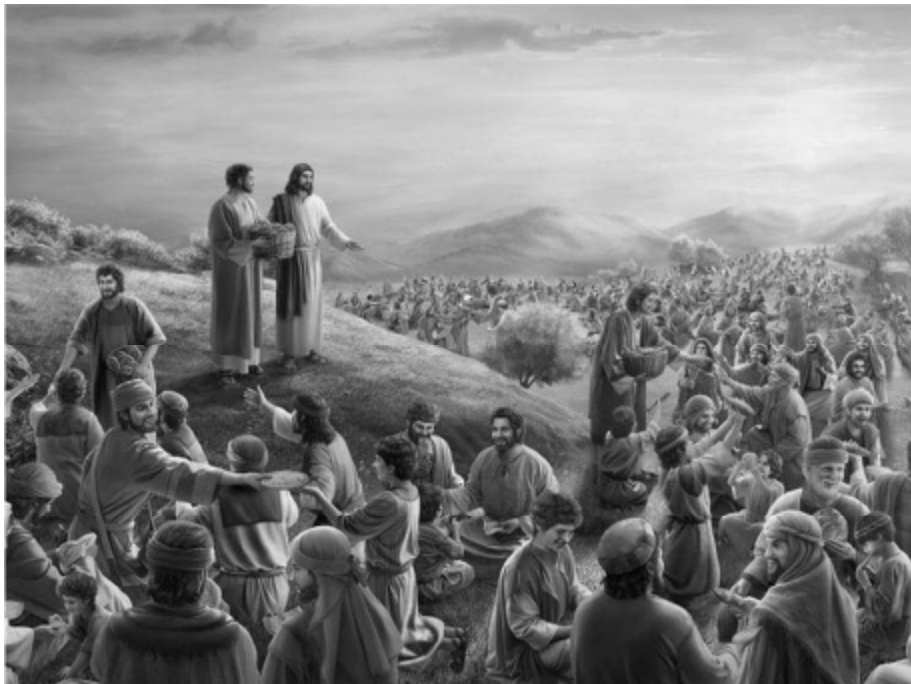
Mark 6:30-32

The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a remote place and rest for a while.” For many people were coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat. So they went away in the boat by themselves to a remote place.



Matthew 10:7-8

As you go, preach, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is at hand.”
Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons.
Freely you have received, freely give.



Why leftovers?

1. Confirmed the miracle—ended with more than he began with!
2. Demonstrated how abundantly & richly God meets our needs
3. A good example to the disciples & to us—not to be wasteful

Lessons from Feeding the 5000

1. Jesus is God—He has almighty power.
2. He is compassionate toward human need—cares about & meets our physical as well as our spiritual needs.
3. He wants us to exercise faith in Him when we have a need.
4. He uses people to do His will.



Reconstruction of first-century boat at the Sea of Galilee

Jesus' Power over Nature

1. He could walk on water & enable Peter to do so as well (Mt 14:28-31).
2. He calmed the wind & waves (Mt 14:32).
3. He transported them immediately to their destination (Jn 6:21).



Believers = God's Gift to the Son

- 6:37—“Everyone the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to me I will never cast out.”
- 6:39—God's will is that “I should lose none of those he has given me but should raise them up on the last day.

Believers = God's Gift to the Son

- 6:44—“No one can come to Me unless the Father . . . draws him.”
- 6:65—“No one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the Father.”

Do we choose God or does He choose us?

- Both—but the initial choosing is God's.
- Ephesians 1:4—“He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world.”
- Romans 3:11—No one seeks for God—without God's intervention.

Are our wills also involved?

- Yes. (But I can't explain the paradox.)
- John 5:40—“You are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.”
- Philippians 2:13—“For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him” (NLT).

Jesus as the Bread of Life

1. I am the bread that truly satisfies (6:35).
2. I am the bread that gives life everlasting—resurrection life (6:39, 40, 44, 54).
3. I am the indwelling bread (6:56).

4 Reactions to Jesus' Teaching

1. The Jewish leaders—rejection (6:41-42)
2. Most of the general group of disciples—rejection (6:66)
3. The Twelve—affirmation of the truth, as stated by Peter (6:68-69)
4. Judas Iscariot—false affirmation through silence (6:70-71)

4 Reactions to Jesus' Teaching

- Which reaction is yours?
- Augustine: “Thou hast made us for Thyself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee.”