

Bread of Life Discourse
November 14, 2012-Wednesday

Chronology of Events of John 6

1. Jesus crosses the Sea of Galilee and many follow Him.
 - They followed Him because of the miracles [healed the sick] He had done.
2. A large crowd gathered; they needed to be fed.
 - They found a boy who had five barley loaves and two fish.
3. Jesus multiplied the loaves and fed the multitude.
 - There were twelve baskets left over.
4. They wanted to make Jesus King, so he fled.
 - It was only because He fed them physically.
5. The disciples went across the sea to Capernaum; Jesus walked four miles on water to meet them.
 - They were scared; Jesus told them to “Be not afraid”.
 - They arrived on the other side at the same time; though Jesus walked.
 - The witnesses to the ‘multiplication of loaves’ went to Capernaum, didn’t know how Jesus got there; only one boat had left.
6. Jesus tells the people that they only sought after Him because they had eaten well.
 - Jesus tells them not to work for the food that perishes, but for food that will lead to eternal life.
7. The followers ask for a sign so that they may believe in Jesus.
 - They say that Moses gave their people manna from heaven as a sign.
8. Moses didn’t give you the bread from heaven, but my Father did.
 - ‘I am’ the Bread sent from Heaven.

9. They know Jesus' family, and ask how can He have come from heaven?
 - Jesus told them to stop murmuring among themselves.

10. Jesus says, "Whoever believes has eternal life".
 - Believes what? "I am the Bread of Life?"
 - Eat this bread that is my flesh.

11. The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us [His] flesh to eat?"
 - Jesus reiterated that you must eat His flesh if you want eternal life. This was emphasized three times emphatically-and connects it to eternal life.
 - 53-58: Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

12. The disciples thought this saying was too hard [hard to accept-*skleros*].
 - The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life. [can this be figurative?]
 - Jesus connects disbelief with Judas' betrayal.
 - Many disciples left because of this teaching.

13. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?"
 - Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. What 'word' has he just spoken.