

Misunderstood Messiah: The Gospel of John

Misunderstood Bread

JOHN 6:1-15, 22-39

CORE TRUTH

Week of April 12, 2026

Jesus is the source of true life, inviting us to find our deepest satisfaction in him.

WELCOME to remind us why we're here.

⌚ Spend about 5 minutes here.

Mission – To become more like Jesus – together.

Vision – We work out our salvation side-by-side—with honesty, humility, and hope. We walk with one another, not just to talk about Jesus, but to be transformed by him. (Philippians 2:12-13)

Guidelines – Our Group Guidelines help us live out our mission and vision with kindness and humility. We encourage you to read and discuss the guidelines together regularly—they can be found on the last page.

HEAD to help us examine what the word shows and let in what's true.

⌚ Spend about 10 minutes here.

- What stands out to you in this story?
- Where do you notice Jesus being misunderstood in this passage?

HEART to help us wrestle with what we believe and be with each other in it.

⌚ Spend about 30 minutes here.

- Where in your life do you notice misplaced hunger – looking to something other than Jesus to satisfy your current needs?
- We often want Jesus to support our life, not *be* our life. Do you believe that Jesus himself is enough for you right now?
- Where do you sense Jesus inviting you to come to him for deeper satisfaction?

HANDS to help us live out the truth with the Spirit as we go out into the world.

⌚ Spend about 15 minutes here.

- **Meditate on the following reflection now and throughout the week:** How can I make space this week to come to Jesus and receive from him as my source of life?
- **Use the following prayer based on Psalm 34 to close your time together:**

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed are those who take refuge in him.

The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. Amen.

LEADER RESOURCES

• [Weekly Leader Video](#) • [Bible Project John Part 1](#) • [Why The Gospel of John Is Special](#) • [Tim Keller Podcasts on John](#) •

NEXT WEEK'S PASSAGE

John 7:1-13

GRoUPS

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SETTING THE SCENE

After feeding thousands with just a few loaves of bread, Jesus draws a crowd eager for more. They follow him, hoping he will continue to provide for their needs. But Jesus begins to shift their understanding. Their hunger is not just physical—it points to something deeper. Instead of offering more bread, he invites them to see that *he* is the bread of life, the one who truly satisfies.

SCRIPTURE

1 After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. 2 And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. 3 Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. 4 Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. 5 Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" 6 He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. 7 Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little." 8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 9 "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?"

10 Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. 11 Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." 13 So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten.

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14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!" 15 Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

22 On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. 23 Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. 24 So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

25 When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" 26 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. 27 Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." 28 Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?"

29 Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." 30 So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?" 31 Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" 32 Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34 They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

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