

## Crossroads in Life ... How Do You Respond?

John 6:22-69

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What passage in the Bible do you turn to when you're at a crossroad?

Have you shared the significance of this passage to others?

### John 6:22-69

v.22-23 On the next day ...

v.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.

Seeking Jesus ... it can be a good thing (e.g. Matt. 7:7-8)

v.25 when they found him on the other side of the sea ... "Rabbi, **when** did you come here?"

v.26 Jesus answered them ... you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of loaves."

The question is not ... **when** did you come here, but **why** did we come here?

v.27 "Do not work for 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."

v.28 Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?"

v.29 Jesus answered them, "This is **the work of God**, that you **believe in him whom he has sent.**"

v.30 So they said to him ... "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?"

**Why does it seem we want one more sign/performance from Jesus before we truly "believe"?  
Hasn't he done enough already to warrant that belief?**

Apparently for this group of "seekers" ... no.

v.31 Our fathers ...

v.32-33 Jesus then said to them ... but my Father gives you **the true bread from heaven.**

<sup>33</sup> For **the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.**"

v.34 They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

v.35-38 Jesus said to them, "**I am the bread of life** ...

v.39 And this is the will of him who sent me ...

v.40 For this is **the will of my Father**, that **everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life and I will raise him up on the last day.**"

**The work of God and the will of God requires true belief in who Jesus is, and what he will do.**

v.41-50 So the Jews **grumbled** about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven ...

**The Jews relegated Jesus to a human/physical level, and not on a divine/spiritual level.**

v.51 “I am **the living bread** that came down from heaven. **If anyone eats this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.**”

v.52-59 The Jews **disputed** among themselves ...

v.60-62 When **many of his disciples** heard it ... they grumbled and took offense.

Jesus clarifies his “eating of the flesh” and “drinking of his blood” statements by stating v.63-65 “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.”

Nevertheless...

v.66 After this **many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him.**”

v.67 So Jesus said to the **Twelve**, “**Do you want to go away as well?**”

v.68 Simon Peter answered him, “**Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup> And we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.**”

Church, when we come to a crossroad in life ... how do we respond?

- Do I “seek” Jesus not for who he is, but for what he can give?
- Do I want to know and relate to Jesus only on the “physical/material” realm?
- Am I willing to believe Jesus as the great “I am” during my crossroad experience?
- Am I willing to share my story with my family and friends?