

HOW THE SPIRITUALLY DULL INTERPRET MIRACLES

John 6:1-15

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REVIEW

John tends to follow a pattern in the writing of His Gospel that goes something like this:

Story/Statement/Theology (with clear application)

INTRODUCTION: JESUS FALLS INTO DISFAVOR

This chapter marks the end of His popularity and the beginning of the final year of His ministry called the year of rejection.

Proposition: Jesus is the bread of life satisfying spiritual hunger so that those continuing with Him will gain eternal life not merely temporary provision.

? Why would this cause such division?

I. THE CROWD COMES SEEKING SIGNS

John calls these signs. The purpose of a sign is to point to something.

A. THE CROWD ONLY WANTED THE SIGN, V. 2

B. THE CROWD DIDN'T EVEN WANT THE SIGN, V. 26

C. THE CROWD WANTED ANOTHER SIGN, V. 30

Point: The point of a miracle is to point us to the miracle worker.

II. PHILIP SEES THE PROBLEM BUT FAILS TO RECOGNIZE THE SOLUTION

III. JESUS WAS USING AN EARTHLY SITUATION TO POINT OUT A SPIRITUAL TRUTH

? What was Jesus trying to teach?

John 10:10b

...I came so that [My sheep] would have life, and have it abundantly.

IV. EVERYONE MISSES THE POINT

A. THE CROWD SEES ANOTHER HUMAN LEADER

Deuteronomy 18

B. THE CROWD UNDERSTANDS THE IMPORTANCE OF BREAD

C. THE DISCIPLES DON'T HAVE A CLUE

CONCLUSION: BREAD OR JESUS?

Some people see Jesus and only want bread.

Other people see bread and only want Jesus.

The people who see Jesus and want bread...

Don't wish to submit to Jesus...

Don't love Jesus...

Don't have the same purposes as Jesus...

It is interesting how people use Jesus.

These will stay at a church because it gives them a sense of nostalgia

The people who see bread and want Jesus...

These are people who are thankful for the provision of God, but look past it to the Provider.

APPLICATION

Train yourself to put on a heavenly perspective