

### **The Bread of Life: Part 4. The Identity of the Bread of Life (John 6:35-40)**

- ‘There are none so blind as those who will not see’ - this is what we see here
- As Jesus began more and more to identify Himself as Messiah, more resistance
- Sense of deep seated opposition from minds so made up, not interested in facts
- This only intensifies as John unfolds Jesus’ teaching on the ‘bread of life’

#### The Identity of the Bread (6:35-40)

- Jesus took his followers’ clear misunderstanding of the bread of life (6: 31)
- He then identified the bread with an explicitness that they would have to face

#### **I. Jesus Is the Bread of Life (6:35a)**

- The image “I AM the bread of life” is inescapable: Jesus is - food for eternal life
- He himself, very God (Ex 3:14) alone is the source & sustainer of eternal life
- As bread is the staple of daily life, so Christ Jesus is the staple of eternal life
- Comparison to Christ, every other reason for life is a shadow, He is the substance

#### **II. Jesus Will Fully Meet the Need of All Who Come to Him (6:35b-36)**

- How is this life received? “He who comes to me” shall never hunger.., never thirst
- We are to come to Christ, to believe in Him, our spiritual thirst will be satisfied
- When Jesus is believed on, trusted in, He fills our emptiness, heals our diseases
- They had seen, they had witnessed & yet they had still not believed, truly sad (34)
- It’s difficult to say how far man may go & yet come short of the one thing needful

#### **III. Jesus Will Certainly Save All Who Come to Him (6:37-40)**

- Unbelief in the world is often hailed as evidence of the impotence of the Gospel
- What’s the point if everyone seems so militantly against Jesus? Jesus answers
  - a) God chooses (6:37a)
  - Who will come? Jesus answers “All whom the Father gives me will come to me”
  - God’s sovereign choice in election is the root of our willingness to believe
  - b) Jesus saves (6:37b-39)
  - “the one who comes to me, I will by no means cast out” –human responsibility
  - Whoever comes is welcomed heartily. Whoever comes will be kept to the end
  - c) You must believe (6: 40)
  - Our response to Christ & the revelation of His sovereignty in salvation – believe
  - Whoever “believes in Him” will receive “everlasting life”& “be raised up...”