

True Satisfaction

John 6:5-29

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Introduction

- God-shaped vacuum made tries to fill inside all of us
- Evolution and man's significance
- Solomon's findings in Ecclesiastes
 - Tries everything "under the sun" to find meaning and happiness
 - Discovers that "all is vanity and grasping for wind"
 - Conclusion: "Fear God and keep His commandments" Eccl. 12:13-14
- Hopelessness in the world apart from Jesus Christ
- The Samaritans' acceptance of Jesus as the "Taheb" or "Messiah"
- Jesus' limited ministry in Samaria broaden in the Great Commission

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A. The Setting—John 6:5-15, 22-25

1. The Miracle of the "Feeding of the 5,000"
 - a. The Miracle itself—6:5-13
 - b. The Response of the people to the Miracle—6:14-15
 - 1) Jesus must be THE Prophet—Deut. 18:18-19
 - 2) Tried to make him "King" or political deliverer—6:15
2. The Miracle of "Walking on Water"—6:22-25
 - a. The Crowd is looking for Jesus
 - b. The Crowd finds Jesus—"When did you come here?"

B. The Source—John 6:26-29

1. True Satisfaction is not through pursuing Jesus to meet "felt needs"—6:26
 - a. People look to Jesus to meet their "felt needs"
 - b. Jesus came to meet spiritual needs. His miracles were designed to be "signs"
2. True Satisfaction is not through pursuing material wealth—6:27
 - a. People today labor for "food which perishes"
 - b. Problems with focusing on the physical, material
 - 1) We die and we can't take it with us—Luke 12
 - 2) Material things perish—Matthew 16:19-20
 - 3) Pursuit of wealth can lead us away from God—1 Tim. 6
3. True Satisfaction is through committing one's life to Jesus Christ
 - a. The "food which endures" is Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life
 - b. Jesus Christ is "certified" as the source of everlasting life!
 - c. What "labor" must we do to obtain? 6:28-29
 - 1) All religions are "work-based". You must "DO".
 - 2) Only work acceptable is to BELIEVE—6:29
 - d. Salvation is by God's grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone!