

JESUS CALLS OUT FAKE DISCIPLES

JOHN 6:22-31

OPEN YOUR BIBLES TO THE GOSPEL OF JOHN CHAPTER 6.

CHAPTER 6 IS A STAND- ALONE CHAPTER. JOHN'S INTENT WITH THIS AMAZING ACCOUNT IS NOT ONLY TO RECORD HISTORY OF OUR MIRACLE WORKING LORD, BUT TO EMPHASIZE THAT JESUS CHRIST IS TRULY GOD THE SON. SO FAR, JESUS HAS FED THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WITH 5 BARLEY CRACKERS AND 2 SARDINE LIKE FISH PROVING THAT GOD PROVIDES. LAST WEEK WE STUDIED JESUS SENDING HIS 12 CLOSEST DISCIPLES ACROSS THE SEA OF GALILEE INTO A STORM. THE FEEDING OF THE THOUSANDS WAS THE LESSON, ROWING THROUGH THE STORM WAS THE TEST. BEING TESTED BY GOD IN STORMS OF LIFE IS FOR OUR GOOD. IT BUILDS FAITH BECAUSE GOD IS FAITHFUL AND IT SHOWS US WHERE WE ARE WEAK. WHEN WE CAN'T, GOD CAN, AND HE DOES. WE MUST KEEP OUR EYES ON JESUS AND NOT THE STORM. WHEN WE DOUBT, WE SINK. WE FIX OUR EYES ON THE WORD OF GOD AND HIS PROMISES INSTEAD OF OUR FEELINGS AND WE FIND OURSELVES WALKING ON TOP OF THE STORM IN THE SUPERNATURAL PEACE THAT ONLY JESUS BRINGS. TODAY'S TEXT WILL SHOW US THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TRUE AND FALSE DISCIPLES OF JESUS. THERE IS A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SEEKING JESUS FOR WHAT HE CAN DO

FOR US AND SEEKING HIM FOR SALVATION. AN INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST IS THE PRIZE, THE SOLUTION, THE REWARD, THE BLESSING, AND THE HIGHEST HONOR A SINNER SAVED BY GRACE CAN EXPERIENCE.

UNFORTUNATELY, MANY PEOPLE JUST SEEK THE GIFTS NOT THE GIFT GIVER. LORD GIVE US EARS TO HEAR AND HEARTS THAT RECEIVE WHAT YOU HAVE FOR US TODAY. IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN

John 6:22-31 NIV

²² The next day the crowd that had stayed on the opposite shore of the lake realized that only one boat had been there, and that Jesus had not entered it with his disciples, but that they had gone away alone. ²³ Then some boats from Tiberias landed near the place where the people had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. ²⁴ Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

²⁶ Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷ Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of

Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.”

²⁸ Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?”

²⁹ Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”

³⁰ So they asked him, “What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

IN TODAY’S TEXT WE WILL LOOK AT 5 WAYS TO FOLLOW JESUS AS A FALSE DISCIPLE. JUDAS ISCARIOT IS THE PROTOTYPE OF A FALSE DISCIPLE. HE WALKED WITH JESUS BUT HIS HEART WAS NOT WITH JESUS

DISCIPLE/MATHETES/STUDENT, LEARNER

1. FALSE DISCIPLES ARE ATTRACTED BY THE CROWD

John 6:22-23 NIV

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gone away alone. ²³ Then some boats from Tiberias landed near the place where the people had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks.

SHOW SLIDE SAME SLIDE AS LAST WEEK

“THE NEXT DAY” LINKS THE FEEDING AND THE STORM ON THE SEA WITH THIS ACCOUNT...WHEN JESUS DISMISSED THEM AFTER THE FEEDING, NONE OF THEM SAID, “WHERE SHALL WE GO, YOU HOLD THE WORDS OF LIFE”

WORD IS GETTING OUT; JESUS IS A MIRACLE WORKER AND HE’S FEEDING PEOPLE. BREAD WASN’T AS EASY TO COME BY AS IT IS TODAY. THE CROWD BRINGS MORE PEOPLE

CROWDS MAKE PEOPLE CURIOUS/MODERN DAY EXAMPLE

2. FALSE DISCIPLES ARE FASCINATED BY THE PROMISE OF A SUPERNATURAL EXPERIENCE

John 6:24 NIV

²⁴ Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

WHO DOESN'T WANT TO HAVE A GENUINE SUPERNATURAL
MIRACLE? EVERY SINNER LOVES A MIRACLE

WHEN WE CHASE THE MIRACLE INSTEAD OF CHASING JESUS,
WE ARE MISSING THE GREATEST GIFT OF ALL, TO KNOW HIM. A
MIRACLE OF HEALING, DELIVERENCE, OR PROVISION DOESN'T
SAVE YOU.

ONLY THE MIRACLE OF SALVATION BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH
IN JESUS CHRIST SAVES, AND IT COMES AT A COST, DEATH TO
YOURSELF

3. FALSE DISCIPLES ONLY DESIRE EARTHLY SATISFACTION

John 6:25-26 NIV

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asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

²⁶ Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for
me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because
you ate the loaves and had your fill.

JESUS COMPLETELY IGNORES THE QUESTION AND BEGINS HIS
SERMON

AMEN AMEN, YOU DO NOT LOOK FOR ME BECAUSE YOU SAW
THE MIRACULOUS SIGNS/MIRACLES THAT POINT TO MY DIETY,
YOU ARE JUST LOOKING FOR FREE PROVISION

UNFORTUNATELY, SOME PEOPLE HAVE NO DESIRE TO ACTUALLY OBEY THE WORD OF GOD. THEY COME TO THE CHURCH FOR FREE FOOD AND COMPANIONSHIP. THEY ONLY PRAY IN EMERGENCIES

Isaiah 55:6-7 NIV

⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.

⁷ Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

4. FALSE DISCIPLES HAVE NO INTEREST IN REAL WORSHIP,
THEY SEEK PERSONAL FULLFILLMENT AND PROSPERITY

John 6:27-28 NIV

²⁷ Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.”

²⁸ Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?”

JESUS GIVES THE ANSWER, SEEK ME FOR SALVATION OF YOUR SOUL. WE WORK FOR PHYSICAL FOOD. JESUS GIVES US THE SPIRITUAL FOOD THAT LEADS TO ETERNAL LIFE. NO WORKS

YET, THEY REPLY WITH, “WELL, IF YOU’RE NOT GOING TO FEED US, WHAT MUST WE DO TO GET THE POWER?”

DO NOT STRIVE FOR MATERIAL GAIN MORE THAN YOU STRIVE TO KNOW JESUS. SALVATION IS A GIFT, WE DO NOT WORK FOR GIFTS, BUT IS OUR ENERGY AND EFFORT TO KNOW THE GIFT GIVER? OR TO STORE UP RICHES ON THIS EARTH?

Deuteronomy 8:3 NIV

³ He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

IT IS THE LORD THAT PROVIDES, PUT YOUR FAITH IN HIM

PERFORMANCE DOESN’T MANIFEST THE ANOINTING. IT IS FULL SUBMISSION AND OBEDIENCE TO THE LORD

John 6:29 NIV

²⁹ Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”

THE ONLY WAY TO THE FATHER IS THROUGH THE SON

HE IS THE ONLY WAY, THE ONLY TRUTH, THE ONLY LIFE THAT LEADS TO ETERNAL LIFE. BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST

THIS IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RELIGION AND RELATIONSHIP

Romans 4:4-5 NIV

⁴ Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. ⁵ However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.

5. FALSE DISCIPLES MAKE DEMANDS ON GOD

John 6:30 NIV

³⁰ So they asked him, “What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?

ARE YOU KIDDING ME? ALL THE MIRACLES JESUS DID UP TO
THIS POINT MEANT NOTHING TO THEM BUT ENTERTAINMENT

John 6:31-32 NIV

³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

MOSES FED MILLIONS FOR 40 YEARS IN THE DESERT, YOU ONLY
FED US ONCE

³² Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.

IT WAS GOD WHO FED THE ISRAELITES IN THE DESERT, NOT MOSES. AND NOW HE HAS SENT THE TRUE BREAD OF LIFE TO YOU AND YOU CAN'T SEE ME FOR WHO I AM BECAUSE OF YOUR UNBELIEF

WHEN GOD KNOCKS ON THE DOOR OF YOUR HEART, OPEN IT!!
THIS IS A REALITY CHECK FOR ANYONE WHO PROFESSES TO BE A CHRISTIAN

DO YOU HAVE REAL FAITH IN GOD?

ARE YOU A REAL STUDENT OF THE LORD?

DO YOU ONLY WANT WHAT HE CAN GIVE, OR DO YOU WANT HIM? THINK ABOUT IT, BECAUSE IT WILL COST YOU

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