

# Studies in the Life of Christ

## NT Survey Lesson 18--John 6

**Introduction:** In our last lesson we looked at the feeding of the five thousand. John, in his parallel account, shows the aftermath of this wonderful miracle. Jesus took occasion from the large contingency following him for loaves and fishes to separate those yearning for the spiritual from those merely wanting a carnal favor. The discourse of John 6 sets the stage for a mass dropout in Jesus' followers. Sadly, Jesus was not the Messiah for which many were looking.

**Lesson aim:** To discover why the multitudes quit following after Jesus and what it means for us today.

### The five thousand are fed--John 6:1-14

1. What caused so many people to follow Jesus to the opposite side of the sea?
2. Describe the details of the miracle Jesus performed.
3. What did the people think of Jesus after He had performed this miracle? What passage might they have had in mind?

### Jesus walks on the water--John 6:16-21

1. What was Jesus' reaction when the people wanted to make Him king? Why did He react this way?
2. Did Jesus cross the sea with the disciples? How did He make His way to them?
3. What does this miracle tell us about Jesus? What evidence did the people give that confirms that Jesus walked on water?

### Jesus claims to be the "true bread from heaven--John 6:26-40

1. Why did Jesus say the multitudes were following Him? What did He urge them to do?
2. What did Jesus say was the "work of God"?

3. What did the people ask Jesus to give them? To what O.T. event did they refer? What did Jesus say the Father gives?
4. What claim did Jesus make? (I.e. "I am" what?)
5. What is God's will for all who believe in Jesus?

### **Jesus' words to the Jews--John 6:41-59**

1. Why did the Jews grumble about Jesus' claim to come out of heaven?
2. Who did Jesus say would come to Him? How are people taught of God?
3. How was Jesus different from the manna Moses gave?
4. What did Jesus mean, "He who eats my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life"?
5. Why did the Jews stumble at these words?

### **The great separation--John 6:60-71**

1. Did the disciples also grumble at Jesus' words? What other fact did Jesus suggest might cause grumbling?
2. How did Jesus explain the meaning of His words concerning eating His flesh and drinking His blood so as to have eternal life?
3. How had the sermon on the true bread affected most of the multitudes?
4. What was Peter's confession? Had He gotten the message of the sermon Jesus had preached?
5. In this section it is clear that Jesus knew what about Simon Iscariot?