

GOSPEL OF JOHN: LESSON 5

V. CHRIST'S MIRACULOUS WORK AND GROWING CONTROVERSY (Chapters 5-6)

- A. Jesus heals lame man at the pool of Bethesda – condemned for healing on the Sabbath (**5:1-18**)
1. Jesus commanded man to take up bed and walk – man condemned for picking up bed on Sabbath.
 2. In temple Jesus finds man and tells him to sin no more – consequences worse than physical lameness.
 3. Jesus answers charges of violating Sabbath by stating that His Father (God) was at work – condemned for making himself equal with God.
- B. Jesus testifies that He is the life-giving Son of God (**5:19-29**).
1. As the Father gives life – the Son gives life to whom He wills.
 2. Father gives all judgment unto the Son.
 - a. Purpose: So all will honor Son as Father
 - b. Those who do not honor Son do not honor Father.
 3. Now is the hour to hear Son's voice and live spiritually.
 4. The hour will come when all shall hear Son's voice and from the tombs enjoy the resurrection of life or suffer the resurrection of judgment.
- C. Jesus presents the witnesses that back up his claim to be of the Father (**5:30-47**)
1. Though His judgment is righteous, other witnesses needed for confirmation.
 2. The confirming witness of John the Baptist.
 3. The confirming witness of the works of the Father has given the Son to do – miracles.
 4. The confirming witness of the Father
 5. The confirming witness of the Scriptures
 6. The confirming witness of Moses.
- D. Miracle of feeding the 5,000 – 5 barley loaves and 2 fishes (**6:1-15**)
1. In the mountain on east side of Sea of Galilee - Passover at hand.
 2. Many follow because of the signs did.
 3. Jesus asks question of where to buy bread for multitude to prove Philip.
 - a. Philip – 200 shillings worth is not enough.
 - b. Andrew – a lad has 5 loaves and 2 fishes, “but what are these among so many?”
 4. Jesus gives thanks – distributes to seated multitude – all fed.
 - a. Disciples at Lord's command pick up REMAINS – 12 baskets filled with broken pieces.
 5. People's response: He is the prophet that has now come into the world.
 6. Jesus goes alone into mountain again – knows that people are about to come and make him king.

- E. Miracles of walking on the water of the Sea of Galilee **(6:16-21)**
1. Disciples travel to Capernaum by boat at dark – Jesus meets them walking on the water some 3 to 4 miles out from shore.
 2. Jesus calms their fears – rides in boat with them to shore.
- F. Multitude travels to Capernaum to find Jesus – Jesus teaches of the value and identity of the bread of life in the synagogue **(6:22-71)**.
1. Multitude seeks Jesus because they were physically fed – Jesus teaches they should put their emphasis upon the spiritual food that abides unto eternal life.
 2. Jesus claims to be the bread of life – power to give spiritual sustenance.
 - a. The bread of life greater than manna given in wilderness.
 - b. Complies with Father's will
 - c. He has come down from Heaven to give life.
 3. Jews do not grasp spiritual emphasis in partaking of Jesus – the true bread of life.
 - a. Many disciples walk no more with Him.
 - b. Peter's confession: "Thou hast the words of eternal life."
 - c. Jesus claims the giving of life comes from spirit, not flesh.
 - (1). Jesus' words are life – not his fleshly person.
 - d. Jesus knew who would believe not and betray him.
 - (1). Judas – one of the twelve – a devil.

QUESTIONS:

1. What brings Jesus to Jerusalem?
2. Describe the pool of Bethesda:
3. What facts prove that Jesus performed a miracle upon the man by the pool?
4. The Jews condemned only Jesus when he healed on the Sabbath. (T) (F)
5. Jesus did not see the man again after He healed him. (T) (F)
6. After the man told the Jews that it was Jesus who healed him, the Jews persecuted Jesus. (T) (F)
7. What character of love does Jesus say He was from the Father?
8. What two things does Jesus have the power to give?

9. In the Day of Judgment, who will be raised?
10. Name the witnesses that Jesus says back up His claim of being the Son of God, and briefly describe the character of each testimony:
11. What did Jesus say was a barrier for the Jews believing on Him?
12. Where were the 5,000 fed?
13. What did Philip and Andrew say that showed doubt to the 5,000 being fed?
14. What facts prove that a miracle occurred?
15. Why did Jesus depart into the mountain alone?
16. What caused fear in the hearts of the disciples as they journeyed toward Capernaum by boat?
17. Why were the multitudes seeking Jesus?
18. Did Jesus teach we should not work for our daily bread?
19. Does 6:37 teach the impossibility of apostasy after one is saved?
20. Through what means does the Father draw men to Christ?
21. How is Jesus as the bread of life LIKE the manna in the wilderness?

22. How is Jesus as the bread of life GREATER than the manna in the wilderness?
23. Is John 6:54 speaking of partaking of the Lord's supper? Explain your answer.
24. How does Jesus give life as the true bread?
25. Did Peter recognize this fact?