

Gospel of John – The Parable of Joy  
Chapter 6

John 6:1-15

1. This is the last Passover before the Cross.
  - a. It is significant that Jesus would teach about being the bread from heaven during the feast that would remind the Jews of the Exodus.
2. The only miracle that appears in all four Gospels.
  - a. What does it teach us that makes it so important?
3. Barley was basically animal food. Barley bread was food for the poor.
4. Again, Jesus' miracles are not 'showy'. No one even knows he is performing a miracle.
  - a. Should this affect how we look at His work in our daily lives?
5. The leftovers were called the peah. The peah was the portion left to the obedient slave after a banquet.
  - a. Not only were there 12 baskets left but they were lunch-pail sized baskets. One for each disciple. Here we see that God's provision is perfect.
6. Seeing the connection between the manna and what Jesus has done they liken Him to the Prophet (Deut. 18:15).
7. The term here for king is political. They still don't see Him for who He is.

John 6:16-24

1. Jesus again refers to Himself as "I AM".
2. Matthew and Mark tell us that Jesus told His disciples to get into the boat. There was a lesson here as well.
3. I've always overlooked the second part of verse 21.
4. "God's presence is all that we need, and we should expect it, though not in a way that we would necessarily expect." - David Guzik

John 6:25-71

1. Again, Jesus does not answer the crowd's question. (25).
  - a. I don't know why I overlook these details as they could explain unanswered questions in my own life.
2. Jesus says He has been sealed by the Father (27). A sacrifice as always inspected and then marked with a seal if it was fit to be sacrificed. He constantly alludes to His future but no one sees it.
3. The work of God is belief (29). See Genesis 15:6 and Romans 4:3.
  - a. It would seem so simple but having faith can be difficult. Why is it difficult and how can one grow their faith?
4. In verses 35,38 Jesus makes comparisons to Himself and the manna again.
  - a. In doing so He is linking Himself to the OT and is saying that He is the Sign. There is no greater sign that could be shown.
5. In verse 41 we see another reference to the OT with the word "murmur".

6. Verse 53 starts a passage that is truly shocking. We are reminded that Jesus was not trying to gather followers by any means.
  - a. He proclaimed the truth and relied on the Father to draw them to Him (44). We should feel confident in doing the same.
7. Verse 63 is the framework for understanding this difficult passage.
8. Peter hits the nail on the head (68). As one of Card's song says "We follow God's on Fool.". It isn't always easy and the world definitely doesn't see what we see. However, there is nowhere else to go.
  - a. Even when the truth is a scandal it's still the truth.
  - b. It's easy to forget that Messiah was promised to be a stumbling stone (Is. 8:14).  
God has chosen the weak and foolish to shame the strong and wise.