

## John 6:22-27

**John 6:22-25** – *“(22) The day following, when the people which stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was none other boat there, save that one whereinto his disciples were entered, and that Jesus went not with his disciples into the boat, but that his disciples were gone away alone; (23) (Howbeit there came other boats from Tiberias nigh unto the place where they did eat bread, after that the Lord had given thanks:) (24) When the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither his disciples, they also took shipping, and came to Capernaum, seeking for Jesus. (25) And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when camest thou hither?”*

A. On the surface, it sounds good when people come seeking the Lord (**Proverbs 28:5**, **Isaiah 55:6**, and **Acts 17:27**).

1. All men sought Jesus (**Mark 1:36-37**), but once some found Him they did not like what they found (**Luke 4:14-32**).
2. Seeking the Lord is great, but the motive has to be right as well (**I Chronicles 28:9**, **II Chronicles 7:14**, and **Ezra 7:10**).
3. We find that they sought Jesus at times not to be saved, but to harm Him (**John 18:1-12**).
4. Some just sought Jesus to see a performance (**Luke 23:8-11**).

B. What is the meaning of the term “Rabbi” (**John 1:38**, **John 3:2**, and **John 20:16**)?

1. Who has the lone right to be called Rabbi (**Matthew 23:7-8**)?
2. Not all of those who call Jesus Rabbi really mean what they say (**Luke 20:19-26**).

**John 6:26-27** – *“(26) Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled. (27) Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.”*

A. They sought Jesus for the wrong reason – they wanted earthly food (**Luke 4:4**, **John 4:13-14**, **Romans 14:17**, and **Hebrews 13:9**).

1. Many fail because they forget God’s good works and seek after carnal things (**Psalms 106:10-14**, **Ezekiel 33:30-33**, and **Philippians 2:21**; cf. **Romans 8:6-7**).
2. Too many have the “what have you done for me lately” mentality (**Ecclesiastes 6:7** and **Isaiah 56:10-11**).
  - a. The children of Israel were brought out of Egypt and thanked the Lord for saving them (**Exodus 15:1-19**).
  - b. They were thankful until they wanted water (**Exodus 15:23-26**).
  - c. The children of Israel were satisfied with their water, until they got hungry (**Exodus 16:1-3**).
  - d. Then, the children of Israel got thirsty again (**Exodus 17:1-4**).
  - e. God provides something much greater than food (**I Thessalonians 5:9**).

- B. We need to labor for eternal blessings (**Matthew 6:19-21** and **II Corinthians 4:16-18**).
1. We cannot come to the Lord to have our lusts fulfilled (**James 4:3**).
  2. Our reward is not in this life (**Matthew 16:24-27**, **Luke 6:22-23**, and **I John 5:11**).
  3. Understanding these things helps us in the area of contentment (**Philippians 4:11-13**, **I Timothy 6:6-10**, and **Hebrews 13:5-6**).