

## John 6:30-40

**John 6:30-31** – *“(30) They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work? (31) Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.”*

A. These who want to see more signs have ignored what they’ve already seen (**Matthew 16:1-4**).

1. They’ve already seen the miraculous feeding (**John 6:11-14**) and the teaching of Christ has not been enough for them (**I Corinthians 1:21-24**).
2. The miracles Jesus had done simply were not enough for the unbelieving Jews to be convinced (**Matthew 11:20-24** and **John 12:37-41**).
3. They did see, but chose to hate the Lord for who He is (**John 15:22-24**).

B. Jesus had taught them not to seek the food that perishes (**John 6:26-27**), but they challenged Him to bring food from above.

1. These Jews are referring to God feeding their forefathers in the wilderness (**Exodus 16:1-15**).
2. Again, this challenge by the Jews shows that they did not even understand the lessons of old that God was teaching His people (**Deuteronomy 8:1-3; 16**).

**John 6:32-35** – *“(32) Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. (33) For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. (34) Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. (35) And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.”*

A. In the days of Moses the Jews were given bread (**Psalms 78:22-25**), but not the true bread from heaven (v. 35).

1. The true bread gives life unto the world (**John 8:12, John 11:25, John 14:6, Romans 6:23, and Jude 21**).
2. Those who ate manna in the wilderness only benefited physically for a period of time (**John 6:49**; cf. **Zechariah 1:5**).

B. They asked for the true bread, but the context will reveal that they were ignorant of what they were asking for (**John 6:41; 60**).

1. Just as the “Samaritan woman at the well”, they’re thinking in carnal terms (**John 4:13-15**).
2. The Lord is really offering Himself and the SPIRITUAL blessings that come through Him (**Romans 5:15-17, Ephesians 1:3, and I Peter 1:3**).
3. Remember, as we proceed throughout the rest of this chapter, that the context is about THE bread from Heaven [Jesus] not the Lord’s Supper.
  - a. Some teach that this chapter is about the Lord’s Supper. Yet, we know that the Lord’s Supper had not been instituted yet. The Lord’s Supper

was instituted the night in which Jesus was betrayed (**1 Corinthians 11:23-26**).

b. Some in the denominational world use this context to teach transubstantiation [that the Lord's Supper miraculously becomes the literal body and blood of Christ]. Thus, remembering the point of this context, the institution of the Lord's Supper shows it is not the literal body and blood of Christ (**Matthew 26:26-29**). Also, the fact that we are not to drink blood needs to be remembered (**Acts 15:28-29**).

**John 6:36-40** – *“(36) But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not. (37) All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. (38) For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. (39) And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. (40) And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.”*

A. They saw Jesus, but did not believe (**John 10:25-26**).

1. These Jews are just like their forefathers. They've seen great works of God and they still don't believe (**Psalms 78:5-32**).

2. Those whom come to Christ through the will of the Father will not be cast out (**John 17:1-17**).

B. Jesus is doing the will of God the Father (**John 4:34**).

1. Jesus, though He is/was deity (**John 1:1-5** and **Romans 9:1-5**), had taken on the form of a servant (**Philippians 2:4-11** and **Hebrews 5:8-9**).

2. The Father's will was for Jesus to come and give His life for us to be saved (**Matthew 20:28** and **Hebrews 10:4-10**).