

The Bread of Life

Introduction

In His dialogue with the Jews, Jesus has been challenging their view of the kind of rescuer that they need and warning them of the danger of rejecting the rescuer that God has actually sent. For all their religion, they (as indeed many in our world today) merely work for “food that spoils” (John 6vs27) – i.e. the good life as this world defines it. Jesus has come to offer them true life – the life of the world to come which can now be enjoyed through faith in Him. We thus find echoes of what John said about Jesus and the world in the very first chapter of his Gospel – the light of Life shines in Jesus but those to whom He came are in the dark and they find it very hard to understand or indeed to accept the light.

Study Questions

These questions help you to see clearly what the text is saying. This is a vital first step towards understanding what the section means. The questions should be answered from the text itself.

Read John 6vs41-70. Answer the following questions:

1. What caused the Jews to grumble against Jesus? (John 6vs41-42)

2. What was Jesus' response to them? (John 6vs43-47)

3. What did the Jews have to understand about Jesus? (John 6vs48-59)

4. What does the question in John 6vs52 show about the Jews?

5. What effect did Jesus' teaching have on His disciples? (John 6vs60-66)

6. What is Jesus' answer to them? (John 6vs61-70)

7. Why should Jesus' words not be rejected? (John 6vs68-69)

Think it Through

1. Re-read John 2vs23-6vs70. What, in your opinion, are the key things that John is teaching about *who Jesus is* and *what He came to do*?

2. Why, according to this section of John's teaching, did people reject Jesus? How does this compare with people today?