

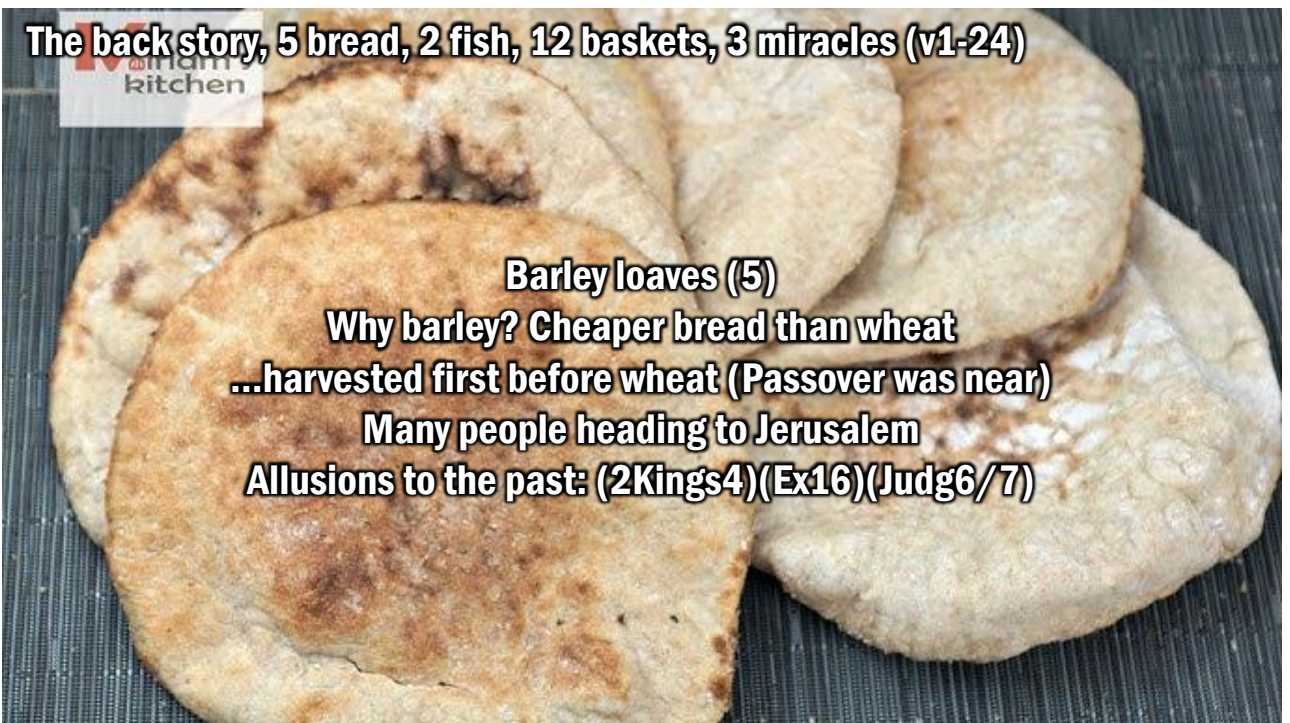
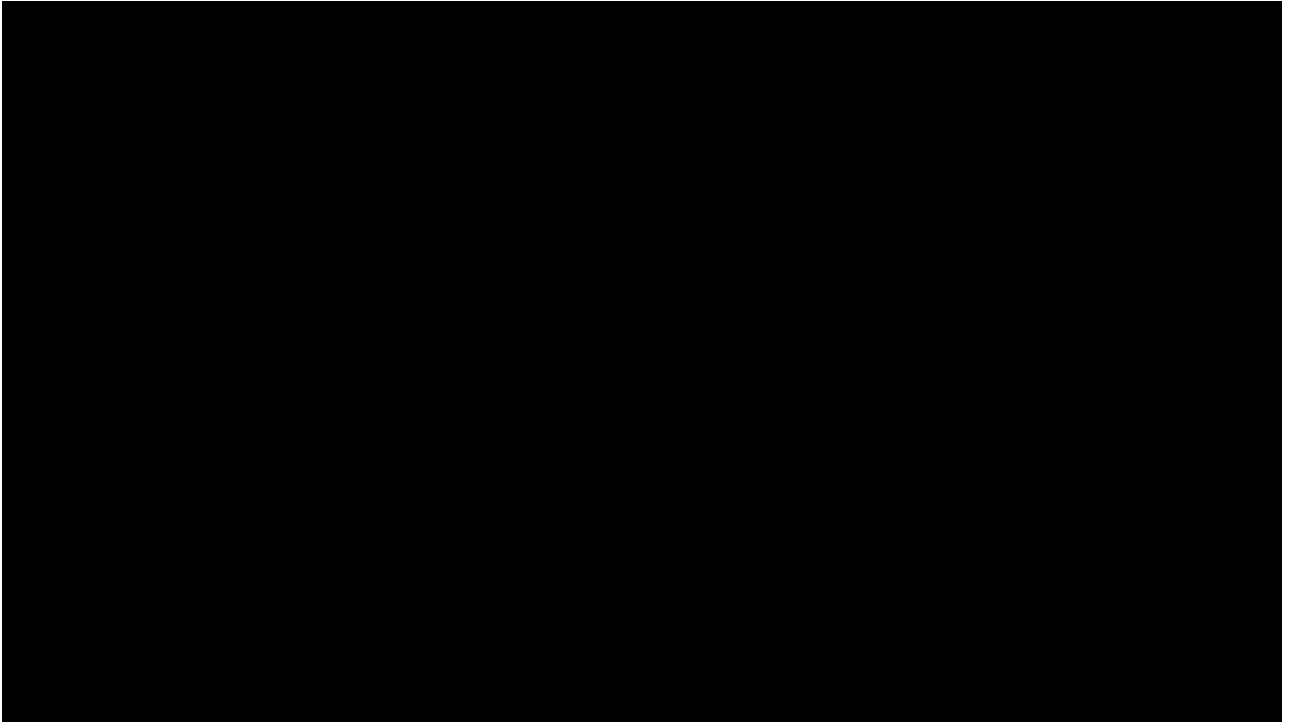


Gospel of John - Series

**Messages from the Gospel of John
John 6 – Our bread**

- 1/ The back story, 5 bread, 2 fish, 12 baskets, 3 miracles (v1-24)**
- 2/ Living water...bread of life (v25-40)**
- 3/ Eat In Christ (v41-59)**
- 4/ To whom shall we go? (v60-71)**





The back story, 5 bread, 2 fish, 12 baskets, 3 miracles (v1-24)



Fish (2)

Why fish? Local staple

Mk1:17 & Mt4:19; Jer 16:16; Mt 13:48; IXTHUS

I (Iêsous, Jesus), X (Christos, Messiah), TH (theou, of God)

U (huios, Son), S (sõtêr, Saviour).

Joshua, son of Nun (dag) & Samson (dag-on)



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Baskets (12)

(Gen49, De27:12-13, Ex24, Ex28, Num7, Jos4, Mk3, Rev12,21,22)

Cana; Table; Blessing

the back story to 5 bread, 2 fish, 12 baskets, 3 miracles (v1-24)



Miracles (3)

Multiplication and satisfaction

Jesus walking on water

Immediate arrival

The back story, 5 bread, 2 fish, 12 baskets, 3 miracles (v1-24)



Matt 14 & Mark 6

Death of John the Baptist

“Grief, Tired, Rest” - COMPASSION

“Send them away” ...feeding the 5000 (not enough)

MADE them get into the boat, slipped away praying

ALL NIGHT ROWING...

The back story, 5 bread, 2 fish, 12 baskets, 3 miracles (v1-24)

(1)

Enough but compassion

Growing in not enough

(M/M)... 'MADE' -v61 does this offend?

All stormy night rowing -v43 stop grumbling

(2)

The back story, 5 bread, 2 fish, 12 baskets, 3 miracles (v1-24)

v2 a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs

v14-15 "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." they intended to come and make him king by force, (Deut18:18)



(2) v26 Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, **you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and **had your fill**. (fill vs FULL)**

Living water...bread of life (v25-40)

v27 Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.”

(fills/entertains)(work for what Jesus gives/endures)

v34-35 “Master,” they said, “give us this bread—give it to us always!” “I am the bread of life,” replied Jesus. “Anyone who comes to me will never be hungry! Anyone who believes in me will never be thirsty!”

Recall> John 4 - Living water...never thirst

v35 - Bread of life...never hunger

Living water...bread of life (v25-40)

John 4 – living water...never thirst

v35 – bread of life...never hunger

2Cana, 3Pharisee, Gentiles; 4Samaritan/s;

5Pharisees; 6Crowd, Judeans, d/Disciples

**v41-42 ...the Judeans there began to grumble about him because he said,
“I am the bread that came down from heaven.”**

v27 “food that endures” v35 “I am the bread of life”

v41 <I am the bread that came down from heaven>

v51 “I am the living bread which came down from heaven.” BUT WAIT...

Eat-In Christ (v41-59)

v51-53 I am the living bread that came down from heaven.

**Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I
will give for the life of the world.”**

**Then the Judeans began to argue sharply among themselves, “How can
this man give us his flesh to eat?” (Lev26,Deut28)**

**Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the
Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.**

(PAUSE – YAWYE, Word, Clothing & Communion)

Eat-In Christ (v41-59)**Word of God****Living, Powerful, Sword (Heb4)****Endures, Lasts, Forever (Is40)(Mt24)****Blesses (Lk11) Accomplishes purpose (Is55)****Sanctifies, Cleanses, Washes (Jn17)(Ps119)(Jn15)(Eph5)****Bread (Deut8,Mt4)(Jn6)(Job23) Gold, Honey (Ps119)****Word became Flesh (John 1:14)****[Word is needed to live, delights like honey]****Consume the Word, eat my flesh, follow me...clothed in Christ!****<Context from John 6>****Eat-In Christ (v41-59)****Word of God****v29 “This is the work God wants of you,” replied Jesus, “that you believe in the one he sent.”****v35 “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”****v40 “For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life”****v47 Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life.****FAITH Language****v56 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them.****(Resists pride 1Pet5/Jam4) (Grace John15)**

Eat In Christ (v41-59)**New Creation Language**

**v56 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them.
(John15-abide)**

Rom 13:14...clothe yourself with the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. And don't let yourself think about ways to indulge your evil desires.

John Chrysostom (AD 347–407) described putting on Christ as “never to be forsaken of Him, and His always being seen in us through our holiness, through our gentleness” (ie Infusion/union/abide)

Eat In Christ (v41-59)**New Creation Language**

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Gal 3:27 And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes.

**‘Enclothed Cognition’ (2012 Northwestern University)
wearing certain clothes has a tangible effect
on the wearer’s psychology and performance.
-Reinforces identity. Comforts. Confidence. Attracts.**

Eat In Christ (v41-59)

New Creation Language

Col 3:10 Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him.

Eph 4:24 Put on your new nature, created to be like God – truly righteous and holy.

v56 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. (John15-abide)

Mystery of the new creation union in/with Christ

Eat In Christ (v41-59)

"The Word of God is like a lion. You don't have to defend a lion. All you have to do is let the lion loose, and it will defend itself."

- Charles Spurgeon (abiding with a loose lion)

Word became Flesh (John 1:14)

Eat my flesh

Put on Christ, clothed in Christ!

(3) Clothed in Christ, do we let the lion loose?

Eat-In Christ (v41-59)

v56 Anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I remain in them.

v59 He said this in the synagogue, while he was teaching in Capernaum.

Within the John 6 context, Jesus was doubling down, offering a dividing road moment...seeing is second; faith always first

...Communion?

Eat-In Christ (v41-59)

Jesus is the lamb of God, our sacrifice. (Jn1:29,He7:27)

Jesus ended sacrifices, altars and the priestly order.

Jesus offered for all time a single sacrifice – now SEATED (He10:11-12)

Jesus cleared the temple, rebuilt it in three days, priesthood of all believers.

The Romans destroyed the temple, smashed the physical sacrificial system.

'Some' believe each Eucharist to be a fresh and new sacrifice of Jesus.

...that Jesus Christ is truly present under the appearances of bread and wine and is offered up as a sacrifice.

Eat-In Christ (v41-59)

Transubstantiation is hard to justify in the bible. It is hard to believe by what authority could a prayer of consecration could cause the elements of the Lord's Supper to transform into the body and blood of Jesus. It is hard to deduce from scripture how Jesus would permit himself to be physically present in the elements, and reduce a very practical application of individual faith in remembrance.

Leon Morris (1971) said... *The language of eating and drinking is "a very graphic way of saying that we must take Christ into our innermost being"*

[BenB (2024) Jesus sifts the wheat from the chaff]

To whom shall we go? (v60-71)

v29 "The work of God is this: to **believe** in the one he has sent."

v36 "you have seen me and still you do **not believe**"

v43 "Stop **grumbling** among yourselves,"

v60 "This is a hard teaching. **Who** can accept it?"

v64 "Yet there are some of you who do **not believe**."

v66-67 From this time **many** of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.

[Do we need to turn back?][Do we need to declare anew?]

To whom shall we go? (v60-71)

Hard teaching? More a hard heart!

Three 'believe' responses to Jesus

- **Do not 'believe', turn, and 'leave'**
 - **'Believe', declare Jesus and 'abide'**
 - **Act 'believe' but not 'abide'**
- (John 15)(asking&fruit)(fruitless&fire)
 (Matt 7)(prattice&pride)(I never **knew** you)(**recognise/abide**)

To whom shall we go? (v60-71)

v60 Hard...<teachings>?

v68-69 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

We have come to **believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."**