

SEEING AND NOT BELIEVING

John 6:22-58

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Introduction

The last time we read about the crowd, they were ready to make Jesus king by force. Seeing Jesus feed five thousand people had created a lot of excitement, but they missed the entire point of the sign. The crowd is eager to see Jesus perform more signs so they chase after him in the hopes that he will live up to their expectations. When they find Jesus, he rebukes them because the bread they ate was pointing you to something much more necessary and satisfying and they missed it all together.

The crowd will grow more rambunctious and contentious as Jesus makes the first of his I AM statements. Jesus is the bread of life. The people have seen signs and they have hopes, but it seems that most of them are still SEEING AND NOT BELIEVING. The work of God is to believe in Jesus and have eternal life.

Outline

The reasons you look for Jesus matter (v. 26).

Your work reveals a lot about your worship (v. 27).

The work of God is to stop working and start believing (v. 29).

An unbelieving attitude is never satisfied (v. 30).

Confusion over the source may lead to misplaced glory (v. 32).

Jesus is the one who can truly satisfy (v. 35).

God is sovereign in salvation (vv. 37-39).

Jesus cannot fail in salvation (v. 40).

You cannot have eternal life apart from Jesus (vv. 47-58).

Application

Why are you looking for Jesus?

What are you working for?

Do you know that you have eternal life?

Questions

1. What are some of the wrong reasons people seek Jesus?
2. How do you feed your faith?
3. Why does Jesus call himself the bread of life?
4. What are some things you have looked to that left you unsatisfied?
5. Why are we unable to come to God on our own?
6. How do verses 37-40 provide confidence and assurance when it comes to salvation?
7. What is eternal life?