

Two Days in the Life of Christ

John 6

The First Day

John 6:14–15 - Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, “This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world.” Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone.

The Second Day

John 6:66-67 - From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. Then Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you also want to go away?”

What Happened?!

John 6:22–25 (NKJV)

On the following day, when the people who were standing on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other boat there, except that one which His disciples had entered, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with His disciples, but His disciples had gone away alone—**23** however, other boats came from Tiberias, near the place where they ate bread after the Lord had given thanks—**24** when the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they also got into boats and came to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. **25** And when they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, “Rabbi, when did You come here?”

John 6:26–27 (NKJV)

Jesus answered them and said, “Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. **27** Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him.”

John 6:28–29 (NKJV)

Then they said to Him, “What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?” **29** Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.”

John 6:30–31 (NKJV)

Therefore they said to Him, “What sign will You perform then, that we may see it and believe You? What work will You do? **31** Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ ”

John 6:32–34 (NASB95)

Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven. **33** “For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world.” **34** Then they said to Him, “Lord, always give us this bread.”

John 6:35–37 (NKJV)

And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. **36** But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe.

John 6:37–40 (NKJV)

All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. **38** For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. **39** This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. **40** And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”

John 6:41–42 (NKJV)

The Jews then complained about Him, because He said, “I am the bread which came down from heaven.” **42**
And they said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He says, ‘I have come down from heaven’?”

John 6:43–47 (NKJV)

Jesus therefore answered and said to them, “Do not murmur among yourselves. **44** No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. **45** It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me. **46** Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father. **47** Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life.

John 12:32–33 (NKJV)

And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.” **33** This He said, signifying by what death He would die.

John 6:49–51 (NKJV)

Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. **50** This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. **51** I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.”

John 6:52–56 (NKJV)

The Jews therefore quarreled among themselves, saying, “How can this Man give us His flesh to eat?” **53** Then Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. **54** Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. **55** For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. **56** He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.

Matthew 26:26–28 (NKJV)

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” **27** Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. **28** For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

John 6:57–59 (NKJV)

As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me. **58** This is the bread which came down from heaven—not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever.” **59** These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum.

John 17:3 (NKJV)

And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

John 6:60–63 (NKJV)

Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, “This is a hard saying; who can understand it?” **61** When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, “Does this offend you? **62** What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before? **63** It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.

John 6:64–65 (NKJV)

But there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him. **65** And He said, “Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father.”

John 6:66 (NKJV)

From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more.

John 6:67–69 (NKJV)

Then Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you also want to go away?” **68** But Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. **69** Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

John 6:70–71 (NKJV)

Jesus answered them, “Did I not choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil?” **71** He spoke of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, for it was he who would betray Him, being one of the twelve.

Applications

- Do not just labor for the food which perishes, but for the life-giving food Jesus provides
- Commune with Jesus so as to partake of His life-giving perfections
- Treat every inclination you have toward Jesus as a gift from God and act on it!
- Expect there to be some things about Jesus' words and ways that will be hard to accept or practice. Embrace them anyway!
- Don't withdraw yourself from the only source of eternal life!
- Feast with relish on all that God has given us in Jesus Christ as if your life depended on it, because it does!

Psalm 34:8–10 (NKJV)

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him! **9** Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him. **10** The young lions lack and suffer hunger; But those who seek the LORD shall not lack any good thing.