

## **John 6b**

25 They didn't see Him leave. Jesus had no desire to prove anything to them. He did not even hint at the miracle that had taken place on the lake.

26 - 27 It wasn't the miracles that stirred their hearts to give up all and follow Him, but a full belly they were seeking. Jesus commands them not to labor for food that spoils, but for food that endures. He is about to explain that He is the fulfillment of the picture that manna presented. Ecclesiastes 5:11-16; 6:7; Isaiah 55:2

The seal of approval may be the miracles or the words from heaven and Spirit like a dove at the baptism of John.

28 – 29 They were so into works! They wanted to know just what they had to do to fulfill God's requirements. Jesus answer was the only way to fulfill the Law, "believe on the One God sent." Romans 4:4-5; 10:3-4

30 –31 Still asking for fish sandwiches. They already had a sign. Exodus 16:4

32-33 The real bread from heaven is Jesus. They could eat all the manna they wanted to gather. It was a picture of complete satisfaction. God so loved the world He gave His only Son to satisfy all our spiritual hunger.

34-36 They ask for the bread, but Jesus sees their heart. They refuse to believe even after all they have seen. 5:40; 15:24 Realizing we are of like nature, we must be careful to see that we do not turn to anything else for satisfaction. Jesus is all you need for your spiritual hunger and thirst. He refreshes you and strengthens you as you feast on Him. Isaiah 49:10

37 This is a favorite verse for eternal security. If you come, He will never drive you away. You can be a stinky sheep and get into all kinds of trouble, but He will still be your Shepherd. 1John 2:19

38 What a verse for us to live. It reminds us of the expression in the Garden of Gethsemene. Matthew 26:39-42; Psalm 40:7-8 What is your delight? Whose will do you live for?

39 –40 More on Eternal Security. God gives people to the Son. They look to Him and live as Jesus described in 3:15. Jesus keeps them from falling, and raises them up at the last day. 10:28-29

41-42 Jesus was right! They refuse to believe. When you refuse to believe you look for some reason outside yourself to give you an excuse. Then you begin

finding fault and accusing. No answer would satisfy them. They have already decided what they will believe.

43 May the Lord help us not to be fault-finding grumblers. "Stop it!" Jesus said.

44-47 Isaiah 54:13 God speaks to every heart. Either we respond and look to Jesus, or we find fault and turn away to be our own lord.

48-51 1 Corinthians 10:17-18; 11:24-25 He was very plain.

52-53 Same problem we saw before with Jesus speaking on a spiritual plane and the hearers entirely on the physical.

54-56 This reminds of the branch and vine passage, John 15:4-5. Psalm 90:1

57 –59 Manna couldn't save them or change their nature. Jesus can and does! They wanted the picture not the reality. See how 2 Corinthians 13:4 lines up with verse 57? 1 John 4:9

60-62 Even the disciples had their little grumbling fest. Refuse to be offended! Jesus is saying, "If you have trouble understanding I came down from heaven, what are you going to do when I return to heaven?"

63 Quit being so carnal minded! The Spirit gives life. The words Jesus' speaks are spirit and life. If we are offended by them, it is because we are in the flesh.

64-65 I think Jesus is speaking to more than the 12. This could just mean Judas, but Jesus had the 72 and the 500. Some of them followed but do not believe. It happens today too. Following on our own power.

66 666 – many turned back. I think that is what He was referring to in the last verses. He knew some were following who had not been called. It was popular. Now Jesus leaves the portion of His popular ministry and focuses more on training the disciples.

67-69 Now He is speaking to the 12. Does anyone from the inner core want to leave? Where would we go? Only Jesus has the words of life. It's tough, but there is nothing else that is real.

70-71 Now He addresses the one that is not called in the inner 12. He knew from the beginning.