

# Jesus! The Light of the World!

## THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Read John 6:26-58. After witnessing the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand, the crowds rush to find Jesus again, but they long for full stomachs and a political liberator more than a Lord and Savior who could change their lives. Jesus reminds them (*and us*) that chasing Him only for temporary blessings misses the One who alone can satisfy the hunger of the soul.

Jesus tries to lead the people to see that God's provision of temporary bread (*like the manna in the wilderness*) was only a signpost pointing to Jesus being the eternal bread of life which came down out of heaven. As manna came from above to sustain physical life, Jesus comes from the Father to give eternal life.

To receive this life, Jesus calls people to “come” and “believe” in Him. These words go beyond just having an intellectual understanding. They invite submission, trust, obedience, and a willingness to yield our lives to His lordship. This call comes to a head when Jesus speaks of eating His flesh and drinking His blood. This was, of course, a metaphor for abiding in Him, taking Him into the center of our lives, and allowing His life to shape our own. But many found this level of commitment too radical and turned away.

Today, many are interested in God's blessings but resist His authority. Jesus came not merely to fill our days with good things, but to renew our hearts and minds back to righteousness. He came to restore eternal life and relationship with the Father to us. And all temporary gifts point to that greater truth: that true life is found only in Christ.

Prayerfully consider the following this week:

- What motives draw you to Jesus?
- Are you seeking the gifts more than the Giver? And how can you tell the difference?
- In what ways is God inviting you to trust Him more deeply?
- What does it mean for you to “feed” on Jesus day by day?
- How might this passage add to your understanding and experience of participating in the Lord's Supper on Sunday?

### Weekly Memory Verse:

“Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life;  
the one who comes to Me will not be hungry,  
and the one who believes in Me will never be thirsty.”

John 6:35

### Weekly Affirmation:

**JESUS IS  
MY PORTION!**

## DECEMBER 2025 GROWTH GOALS

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| <input type="radio"/> Read the Gospel of John   | <input type="radio"/> Memorize one of the weekly memory verses.  |
| <input type="radio"/> Watch the Bible Project video on John<br>( <i>available on the website</i> ). | <input type="radio"/> Pray for someone face to face, pray for them on a<br>phone call, or write out your prayer to give them in<br>a note or text. |