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The Previous Chapter.

In the previous chapter the Jews were angry because Jesus had healed a man on the Sabbath Day and later Jesus told them they are wrong in thinking that in the Scriptures they have eternal life then points out that it is the Scriptures that bear witness about him.

NOTE: for information concerning people, places and the meaning of words see Map Locations and People of the Bible, and Bible Dictionary on Website Menu.

Jesus Miraculously Feeds 5000.

John 6:1-4 ----- ¹After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ²And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. ³Jesus went up on the mountain and there he sat down with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. ⁵Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" ⁶He said this to test him for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. ¹¹Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

NOTE: as this chapter climaxes towards Jesus words, eating his flesh and drinking his blood it helps to understand what these words mean if it is noted at this early stage that the reason the majority of the crowds are following him is because of the miracles he is doing (v1).

THE STORY: Jesus and the disciples have no-doubt been ministering all day so they go and rest on a mountain, but of course the enormous crowds follow them. Jesus out of compassion for those following him knowing he is about to perform a spectacular miracle that he will use later in this chapter to teach a spiritual truth tests the faith of Philip by asking him: -

- Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?

Philip is stunned and tells Jesus even two-hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for such a mega crowd (one denarii was a day's wages) and Andrew points out that a boy has five loaves and two fish showing that even though Jesus had been miraculously healing all kinds of sickness the disciples had no idea of the enormity of the power of God that was available to Jesus.

There are about five-thousand people, Jesus has them all sit then takes the bread and the fish (that the boy had) gave thanks and then it was passed out amongst the crowds and not only did everyone have enough to eat, but after collecting all the fragments there were gathered up twelve full baskets, when the people saw this they had no doubt that Jesus was the Prophet who was to come into the world! Referring to the following prophetic words of Moses: -

- The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—And I the LORD will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak all that I command him, it is to him you shall listen (Deut. 18:15-19).

In the New Testament Philip said to Nathanael: -

- We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph (John 1:45).

And Paul said: -

- He testifies both to the small and the great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass (Acts 26:22).

The twelve full baskets of fragments taken up can be seen as a symbol of the blind, the lame, and the poor of Israel being gathered together in Christ and by extension it may symbolise the fact that no-one in Christ no matter how broken will be left outside the basket (i.e. outside of Christ's care and his love all no matter how lowly will be gathered together).

NOTE: as amazing and practical as this miracle is (it feed hungry people) there is much more to the story than simply feeding people natural food since Jesus at the end of this chapter uses this miracle to teach a spiritual truth to everyone who desires to be his disciple.

Jesus walking on the Sea of Galilee goes to the Disciples.

John 6:15-21 ----- ¹⁵Perceiving then that they (the crowds) were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself. ¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were frightened. ²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹Then they were glad to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.

The crowds believed Jesus was the Prophet to come to Israel so of course they naturally thought he should be made King, but this was not God's plan so Jesus withdrew to a mountain.

NOTICE: Jesus walked three to four miles on the stormy water and rough waves to get to the disciples. Imagine the state of the disciples mind when they see the man that they are following defying every natural law of nature as we know and understand them to be.

It is fascinating that in much of the religious world today many confess to believe in God and in Christ but they deny the miracles yet they have no trouble believing God created the entire world and everything in it as well as all the laws that hold the universe in place yet they cannot believe that a man with all of God's power made available to him can do what in comparison to what God did in creation would be classed as a few simple miracles.

Labour for the Food that Endures to Eternal Life.

John 6:22-27 ----- ²²On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. ²³Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. ²⁴So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. ²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not labour for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal."

Jesus has left the site where he miraculously fed the five-thousand and sailed across the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum where many of his disciples came from, some of those who had been with the five-thousand sailed in their own boats and followed him to Capernaum.

- Jesus taught the following things in the synagogue at Capernaum (v59).

Miracles authenticated Jesus was the Christ.

The people who had been with the five-thousand were seeking Jesus because of the food they ate, but Jesus tells them they should be following him because of the signs he was doing. This is because the miracles he performed authenticated and testified that he was the prophet to come like Moses, the promised seed of Abraham and of David, Israel's Messiah the Christ the Son of God and Saviour of the world. No man on earth could do the things Christ did without the full power of God flowing through him, thus his sign miracles evidenced that he was approved of God, sent by God, had God's favour and was God's beloved Son and the one Moses and all the prophet spoke of. We know Jesus miracles were to authenticated that he was sent by God the Father because when John the Baptist was in prison he sent his disciples to ask Jesus if he was the one who is the Scriptures said was to come and Jesus answered them with the following words: -

- Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me." (Matthew 11:2-6) (Luke 7:1-50).

Spiritual Food: the food that perishes is of course natural food while the food that endures to eternal life is spiritual.

NOTICE: God the Father has given this spiritual food to His Son to give to whoever will come to him, as this conversation comes closer to its end Jesus explains in greater detail how to obtain this eternal and spiritual food, but many who hear what he says think it is too hard so they walk away.

The True Bread from Heaven.

John 6:28-32 ----- ²⁸Then they (the crowds) said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?" ³¹Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³²Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.

Manna: when the people of Israel were in the wilderness the LORD gave them bread from heaven (called manna) (Exod. 16:1-4) it was not only to feed the people, but also to teach them that man does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD (Deut. 8:3). Israel ate manna forty years till they came to the border of Canaan (Exod. 16:35) and the day after they ate of the produce of the land of Canaan (the Promised Land) the manna stopped (Joshua 5:12).

The True Bread.

The crowd Jesus is talking to is a mixture of those who were amongst the five-thousand and the people of Capernaum who knew nothing of the miracle. Jesus tells them that the work of God is to believe on the one he sent so they ask for a sign so they can believe that his is the One sent from God, they probably want him to feed them for forty years like God did with the manna.

NOTE: as this conversation climaxes towards Jesus words, "Eating his flesh and drinking his Blood" it helps to understand what these words mean if it is noted at this early stage that the crowds were seeking miracle signs before they believe that he is actually the One God sent.

Came down from Heaven.

John 6:33-39 ----- ³³For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." ³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ³⁶But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.

An analogy with the manna provides the key to the right understanding of the following expressions: -

- I have come down from heaven (v38).
- I am the living bread that came down from heaven (v51).
- This is the bread that came down from heaven (v58).

The expression, the manna from heaven, does not mean that it was actually manufactured in heaven and descended through the atmosphere, but rather that it was produced on the earth by the creative power of God's Spirit.

The term from heaven emphasises the divine origin of the manna. Similarly, Christ came down from heaven does not mean he literally descended from heaven, but that the Holy Spirit descended upon the Virgin Mary to effect the conception (Luke 1:35) the term, from heaven emphasises Jesus divine origin as a person (his Father was God) and the divine origin of his teaching, but unlike the manna which profited only temporarily, his words were Spirit and life (v6).

The words come down from heaven mean the same as the following two expressions: -

1. God who sent me.
2. Sent from God.

The True Bread of Life: Jesus tells the crowds he is the true bread of life this means that in him is forgiveness of sin, fellowship with God, eternal life and everlasting glory. These and the following words of this conversation should clearly teach everyone that eternal life is not in intellectual knowledge, doctrinal perfection, reading a certain amount of verses every day, attending church or even in praying every day, though they may all be good and have some spiritual benefit eternal life is not in them.

There is only one place eternal life can be found and it is not in a doctrine, but in a person and his name is the Lord Jesus Christ the Son of God. Jesus clearly states whoever has him has eternal life and equally as majestic and beautiful as this truth is, are his words that state "No-matter who you are or what you have done if you come to him he will never turn you away."

NOTICE: the will of God is that all those who belong to Christ will be raised to eternal life and everlasting glory on the last day (v39-40).

As this conversation climaxes towards Jesus words, "Eating his flesh and drinking his Blood" it helps to understand what these words mean if it is noted at this early stage that the crowds are asking Jesus to give them the eternal bread he is speaking of, they want to know how they can get it. As the conversation progresses Jesus tells them, but many don't like what he says so they walk away.

Everyone who believes in the Son should have Eternal Life.

John 6:40-45 ----- ⁴⁰For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day." ⁴¹So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me

Jesus words, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." In this context means that his origin was heavenly (i.e., he was conceived by the creative power of God). The Jews understood that Jesus was claiming to be born of God because they immediately start talking about his natural mother and father (Joseph and Mary). Jesus after listening to them protesting tells them: -

- No-one can come to him unless the Father draws them (v44).

In the Old Testament Hanani the prophet when rebuking Asa the king of Judah made a similar statement to the king saying: -

- The eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward him (2 Chron. 16:7-9).

It appears that God by His Spirit is always roaming throughout the populations of the world seeking for those who have a right heart attitude.

They will all be taught by God

Jesus words, "It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God'" (v45) does not mean by God Himself, but God through the Lord Jesus Christ we know this because God's word was in Jesus he was God's word made flesh teaching God's word to the people. The following words of Jesus show that God teaches and speaks through His Son. Jesus said: -

- Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing, for whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise (John 5:19). For I only speak of what I have seen with my Father (John 8:38). I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak (John 12:49). I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me" (John 12:50).

Who is Jesus Father (Joseph or God)? The Jews thought Jesus was the son of Mary and Joseph, they believed Joseph was his father many times they asked him who his father is? Surely if Joseph were Christ's father he would have given an honest and simple answer to their question by simply admitting that Joseph was his father and put an end to their confusion, but he never does.

Jesus always points to his Father being God when confronted with the question who is your father or whose son are you? And never at any time throughout the Scriptures implies or ever encourages anyone to think he is the son of Joseph, but rather gives them answers they can't understand and makes statement like, "I am the bread of life which came down from heaven," Which angers them even more.

Whoever believes has Eternal Life.

John 6:46-52 ----- ⁴⁶not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." ⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

Jesus words, "No-one has seen the Father except he who is from the Father" (v46) does not mean that Jesus pre-existed with the Father prior to the Angel Gabriel visiting Mary rather Jesus words carry the idea that Jesus is more than man and has intimately known the Father, has perfect knowledge of Him, personal communion with him; has seen the perfections and glory of his person, and the thoughts, purposes, and counsels of his heart, his whole mind, and will, and all the grace, goodness, and mercy which is in him.

He knows his nature, character and eternal plans it is a claim to knowledge superior to what man possesses and it cannot be understood except by the knowledge that Jesus is the only begotten Son of God who is in the bosom of the Father, the brightness of his glory and the express image of His person who after making purification for sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on High (Heb. 1:3).

Whoever believes I am the Bread of Life has Eternal Life.

Again, and again Jesus is try to break the mindset of the Jews who believe that eternal life is in knowing the Scriptures and the law, throughout this conversation he is constantly repeating the fact that eternal life is in him, whoever believes in him will not eternally perish but be raised to everlasting glory. The manna sustained the Jews for mortal life, but Jesus is telling them the bread he will feed them with is eternal life.

The bread that Jesus is about to give so that mankind can receive eternal is his life. Is it any wonder Jesus is repeating this truth so much, he knows his fate is set, he is fully aware that for mankind to be able to eat of this eternal food he is going to have to suffer brutal whippings, cruel torture and a tormenting death.

NOTE.

The Jews understood what eating the flesh and drinking the blood meant. Roman Caesars used this term when calling their soldiers to follow them the people knew it meant Caesar had to be the king of their life even to death. This is why in (v60) many said this is a hard saying and turned away. The thing the Jews did not fully understand was how Jesus was going to give his flesh to eat (v51-52).

Eating the Flesh and drinking the Blood of the Son of Man.

John 6:53-59 ----- ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate (Manna) and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

Eating Christ's flesh and drinking his blood means making him pre-eminent in one's heart, mind and life it is making him the supreme desire of the heart and the best thought of the mind as well as being prepared to lay down one's life for him if called to do so. It is to mentally and outwardly believe that Jesus is the Son of God and sent by God and that he died and rose again to the right-hand side of God in glory. It is having faith that his death and resurrection atones for sin and trusting in him for God's forgiveness, it is being confident that God freely imputes righteousness and grants salvation and eternal life to all who belong to Christ.

Jesus is in a Synagogue in Capernaum.

Jesus is speaking in a synagogue in Capernaum he is no-doubt fully aware that the mind of most in the audience have been indoctrinated in the idea that salvation is attained by keeping Moses law and the added rules, and tradition the religious leaders of his generation have established throughout the nation of Israel over many generation or as many believed (even today) that if they gained enough Scriptural information they could be saved by their knowledge in the word of God this is most likely the reason Jesus is repeating the fact that salvation and eternal life are in him so many times and in so many different ways.

This is a Hard Saying, Who can Listen to It?

John 6:60-66 ----- ⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" ⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before ³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father." ⁶⁶After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him.

Many considered Jesus words, "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you" (53) far too hard to embrace so they turned back and no longer walked with him. This statement is interesting when it is remembered at the beginning of the chapter the crowds were following Jesus with great excitement because of the miracles he was doing then because of the food he had miraculously produced and later the crowds were seeking miracle signs before they believe that he was the One God sent.

The people had no problem accepting him as a great prophet, teacher and miracle worker, but when he told them to receive eternal life they had to make him the Lord of their life they could not accept it. How true are the following words of the prophets Peter and Paul: -

- Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law, why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works, they have stumbled over the stumbling stone, as it is written, "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame. (Romans 9:31-33) (1 Peter 2:6) which are cited from (Psalm 118:22) (Isaiah 8:14) (Isaiah 28:16).

It is interesting to notice: -

It is in verse sixty-six that the disciples turned away from the Lord.

The Jewish People and Jesus Today.

Though the Jewish nation had the most convincing evidence, the most powerful preaching, the clearest call from Christ himself and from his apostles, ever since the first preaching of the Good News of the Gospel of grace multitudes of them have remained even to this day hardened and blinded to the glory of God's grace in Christ by their obstinacy and unbelief from generation to generation.

In (2011) I attended a public meeting in which an Israeli lecturer who travelled the world speaking for the Jews today and about Israel's land and their history as recorded in the Bible. At the end of her lecture the meeting was opened up to the audience for questions. One lady asked: -

- How do the Jews view Jesus today?

The Jewish speakers' answerer was: -

- Our Messiah has not yet come.

there was a sudden silence over the meeting at this moment, then the same lady obviously a Christian quoted a few Scriptures to show that Israel's Messiah did come, the lecturer was kindly patient, but after a short while turned and picked up a Jewish Bible, held it in the air and said: -

- This is our Bible and there is no New Testament in it.

A man stood up and asked: -

- How do the Jewish people view a Jew who converts to Christianity?

The speakers replied: -

- We would consider that they have left the faith.

As she spoke it was clear that the Jewish people love God and love their Messiah the promised seed of Abraham and David they just haven't recognised him yet (and even this is in God's eternal plan) but it reminded me of the following fabulous and prophetic words of Zechariah: -

- The LORD will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of *grace* and pleas for *mercy* so that, when they look on me, on *him* whom they have *pierced* they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn. On that day the mourning in Jerusalem will be great, the land shall mourn, the priests and each family by itself shall morn (Zech. 12:9-14).

When this momentous and beautiful moment takes place the entire world will change as we know it today, and a glorious New Age will begin, one of righteousness, justice, joy and peace because the King of peace will be the head and Shepherd of all nations.

What if the Son of Man ascended to where he was Before?

Before: (proteron) from Strong's Concordance can mean any of the following previously, prior, before or at the first or the former place.

To understand Jesus statement, "What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before," (v62) it help to look at the previous verse which tells us that Jesus perceived that the disciples were offended at him because of what he has just said about, "Eating his Flesh and drinking his Blood," meaning to have eternal life a person must make him Lord of their life so it is quite likely Jesus was saying: -

- What if you were to see the Son of Man going back to where he was before (v62) he was baptised and had his supernatural power would you still be offended at him.

Prior to Jesus ministry and his claiming to be the Son of God and the one Moses and the prophets said was to come he was no-doubt accepted as a decent man. This would explain why Jesus went on to say: -

- It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail (John 6:63).

In this context this means that accepting Christ on the basis of him being a good man avails nothing toward salvation and eternal life it is believing that he is the Son of God and trusting in him that saves one to eternal life. Multitudes worldwide believe Jesus was a good man, but that does not save them. Jesus is the stumbling stone because to receive eternal life one must believe Jesus is the Son of God and that takes humbleness because it means he must be Lord of their life and human ego and pride does not want to submit or be accountable to a higher authority.

Jesus Christ has the Words of Eternal Life.

John 6:67-71 ----- ⁶⁷So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God." ⁷⁰Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the Twelve? And yet one of you is a devil (diabolos). ⁷¹He spoke of Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the Twelve, was going to betray him.

Jesus asked his disciples if they want to leave him and Peter makes an insightful statement: -

- Where would we go, you are the Holy One of God and have the words of eternal life.

Jesus response to this is amazing, he tells them that he chose them all even though he was fully aware that one of them was a devil and would betray him. This shows us that Jesus brutal torture and cruel death was all in the plan of God's eternal mind before the world began, this is stunning to the natural mind, God has an eternal plan that is going to climax in majestic glory for those who belong to His Son the Lord Jesus Christ, and though we might have an overview of God's plan no human on earth can fully comprehend the micro detail of how God will bring His plan to its final climax.

Who would ever think that Jesus would deliberately and knowingly chose the very man that would betray him to such brutality for a handful of silver coins?

End