

Christmas Hope in Our Brokenness

John 6:33-46

I. Jesus' Mission Appears to be Gaining Momentum. vv.1-15

II. Jesus' Mission Appears to be Imploding. vv.30,41,52,60,61,66

"They have been won to the bread-giver Lord, and that is the Lord they desire. In other words, these people have formed a clear image in their minds of the form that messiah will take and for the present moment Jesus of Nazareth is the one who adequately fulfilled that expectation. But the implication is clear- once Jesus no longer satisfies their expectations, then their praise will turn to wrath. They have a faith that is responding to what they are looking for, but it is not faith that is willing to be taught and molded by the Lord they seek. This one-sidedness of their faith becomes clear as the dialogue continues and as Jesus refuses to accommodate Himself to their dreams." Earl Palmer, [The Intimate Gospel](#)

III. Jesus' Mission Clarified. vv.37-45

A. *Jesus defines His Mission.* vv.36-40

B. *Jesus is fully assured of the success of His mission.*
vv.37,44,45,65

C. *Jesus addresses the twelve.* vv.67,68

IV. Jesus' Mission and Our Brokenness.

Cf. Jn.17:2,3; Phil.1:6; Titus 2:11,12