

“Jesus Will NOT Be Your Fish-Burger King!”
John 6:15-27

I. Looking, seeking for Jesus, but for all the wrong reasons –

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1. Jesus knows the hearts of men –

A. He perceived what they wanted to do –

¹⁵ Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, ... John 6:15 A (NKJV)

B. He knew why they wanted to do it –

²⁶ 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. John 6:26 (NKJV)**

2. We would not KNOW such things, at least not for sure, at least not right away, but sometimes they are made so obvious that even we can see them, for instance –

A. Someone comes only for meals, or to play softball or entertainment ...

B. Some churches cater to such desires of MEN / they are usually full!

II. How did Jesus respond to these seekers? First, He Avoids them!

1. When they were coming to make Him King by force -

He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone. John 6:15 (NKJV)

A. Not with His disciples or even His apostles, definitely not with a crowd, ALONE!

B. Not completely ALONE, alone with the Father, to PRAY -

⁴⁶ And when He had sent them away, He departed to the mountain to pray. Mark 6:46 (NKJV)

2. A miracle in the middle of the night, only a few would see –

¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ Now when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into the boat, and went over the sea toward Capernaum.

And it was already dark, and Jesus had not come to them. ¹⁸ Then the sea arose because a great wind was blowing. ¹⁹ So when they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near the boat; and they were afraid. ²⁰ But He said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” ²¹ Then they willingly received Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land where they were going. John 6:15-21 (NKJV)

1. *This miracle was for the eyes of Jesus' true disciples ONLY –*

A. *The disciples got into the boat by themselves, without Jesus Who was on the mountain praying - :15-17*

B. *But Jesus meets them during the dark, stormy night - :18-21*

C. *Matthew provides us with more detail –*

²² Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. ²³ And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. ²⁴ But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. ²⁵ Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "**Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.**" ²⁸ And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." ²⁹ So He said, "**Come.**" And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ And immediately Jesus stretched out *His* hand and caught him, and said to him, "**O you of little faith, why did you doubt?**" ³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God." Matthew 14:22–33 (NKJV)

- *Note, Jesus will meet with His OWN during the dark and stormy times of life, when others MISS HIM!*

- *Note, it is in these difficult times that we are tested, taught, and we grow the most – Peter walks on water, at least a little!*

Peter also sinks a bit when the wind blows more, but Jesus catches him!

The wind ceases when Jesus gets in the boat!

They ALL worship Him and recognize Him as God's Son!

2. *This miracle, walking on water, in the night, had another purpose, Jesus was avoiding the CROWD that just wanted to make Him fish-burger King, far from catering to them, He was AVOIDING them –*

²² 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 6:22–25 (NKJV)

A. *John presents this aspect of things: the crowd saw the disciples leave without Jesus!*

B. *They left in the LAST boat –*

... 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 – John 6:22 B (NKJV)

C. *Note they are diligent in their seeking, but confused about how Jesus got to where He got –*

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D. *Remember, Jesus going to the mountain, walking on the water, was to AVOID THEIR DESIRES -*

¹⁵ 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. John 6:15 (NKJV)

III. *Second, He tells them WHY He has been avoiding them –*

²⁶ 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 6:26–27 (NKJV)

1. *Jesus knew what drove them –*

A. *Not the signs, not the healings, not the miracle of feeding the 5,000, but the taste of the bread!*

B. *Jesus knew their hearts; they were after the WRONG things! They wanted to make Him fish-burger king –*

2. *Note, Jesus does not deny us the material things we need or even desire, but they CANNOT be first –*

¹⁹ “**Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ²² “The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! ²⁴ “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. ²⁵ “Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?**

²⁸ “**So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; ²⁹ and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?**

³¹ “**Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.** Matthew 6:19–33 (NKJV)

⁵ He has given food to those who fear Him; He will ever be mindful of His covenant. Psalm 111:5 (NKJV)

3. Note, these things are not wrong, Jesus made miracle bread, but Jesus and His church
OFFER MORE –

⁴ But He answered and said, **“It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’”** Matthew 4:4 (NKJV)

⁸ Oh, taste and see that the LORD *is* good; Blessed *is* the man *who* trusts in Him! Psalm 34:8 (NKJV)

³⁵ 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.”** John 6:35 (NKJV)

A. The rest of this chapter is Jesus SERMON, they were not interested in hearing a sermon –



A long sermon, considered not a sermon, but a hostage situation! Hell though is longer!

B. They got TIRED even of Jesus' preaching, too theological, metaphorical; hard to understand - ⁶⁰ Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard *this*, said, “This is a hard saying; who can understand it?” John 6:60 (NKJV)

⁶⁶ From that *time* many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. John 6:66 (NKJV)

C. God's people / Peter Understood it –

⁶⁸ But Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. John 6:68 (NKJV)

² But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night. Psalm 1:2 (NKJV)

¹⁰ For a day in Your courts *is* better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God Than dwell in the tents of wickedness. ¹¹ For the LORD God *is* a sun and shield; The LORD will give grace and glory; No good *thing* will He withhold From those who walk uprightly. Psalm 84:10–11 (NKJV)