

“Seeing is Believing?”

John 6:30-40

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Introduction

- “I must see it to believe it!”
- Jesus’ entire ministry points to the truth that Jesus is the Messiah
- The doubt of John the Baptist
- The Jews at Capernaum had seen, but will they believe?

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A. Man’s Order: “Need to see MORE in order to believe!”—6:30-31

1. **Argument:** If Jesus is greater than Moses, He needs to perform greater signs.
 - a. Moses was a certified messenger from God!
 - b. Moses provided “bread from heaven”
 - c. Jesus, you need to TOP that!
2. **Analysis:** Unbelief is never satisfied, no matter how much evidence is given!
 - a. The greater sign of the “empty tomb”—Matthew 12:38-40
 - b. The rejection of the “greater sign”—Luke 16:31; Mark 15:32

B. They need to understand CLEARLY the “bread from heaven”—6:32-36

1. **Correction:** Four-fold misunderstanding about “manna”
 - a. It was NOT Moses, but God the Father who gave the manna.
 - b. Manna was NOT the “true” bread from heaven.
 - c. Manna gave physical life; the “bread of life” from heaven gives spiritual life.
 - d. Manna was for Israel; “Bread of Life” for the world
2. **Revelation:** I AM the Bread of Life—6:35-36
 - a. Jesus as the permanent satisfaction of our desire for life!
 - b. Must “come to Christ” and “believe in Him”
 - c. The Jews refused to believe—6:36 “Seeing is NOT believing”
3. **Clarification:** Understanding Jesus as the “Bread of life”—6:37-40
 - a. “All that the Father gives me will come to Me!”—6:37
 - 1) We are the Father’s “love-gift” to His Son!
 - 2) Salvation is of God, not of us!
 - 3) Human viewpoint: We must “come” to Christ
 - b. “The ones who come, I will not cast out” 6:38-40
 - 1) Reason: Jesus came to do the “will of His Father”—v. 38
 - 2) Explanation: What is the “will of the Father”?
 - a) Of all the Father gives, the Son will lose none.—v. 39
 - b) Everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him has everlasting life.—v. 40

C. God’s Order: Believe in order to See! John 11:40; 20:25-29