

Drawn to Christ

John 6:41-51 (1229)
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Introduction

- What attracts you to other people?
- Everywhere Jesus went, He attracted a crowd!

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A. General Factors that contributed to His popularity

1. Not Jesus' good looks—Isaiah 53:2
2. Jesus' personality and the manner in which He interacted with others.
3. Jesus' display of power and success.
4. Great attraction: Jesus' teaching Matt. 7:28-29; John 7:46
 - a. Bold assertions Jesus made at Capernaum—John 6
 - b. Peoples' Response: Hardened Unbelief—John 6:41-42
 - 1) Stumbled over Jesus' claim to be from heaven.
 - 2) Those who continually reject the truth, God hardens. John 12:37-40 and Matthew 13:11-15
 - 3) Final Response: Deserted Jesus —John 6:66

B. Ultimate Factor: Drawn by the Father John 6:43-51

1. Man, of his own free will, is unable to come to Christ.
2. We are drawn to Christ by being "*taught by the Father*" —v. 45-46
 - a. Since the day of Pentecost, the "*teaching*" ministry of God has been delegated to the Holy Spirit.
 - 1) The Spirit brings us under conviction of sin—John 16:8
 - 2) The Spirit opens our eyes and enables us to understand the truth of the gospel
 - 3) Through the truth of God's Word, God draws people to embrace His Son.
 - 4) Everyone who hears and learns from the Father comes to Christ.
 - b. Before Pentecost, Jesus' Christ was God's representative—v. 46
3. We are drawn to Christ by believing Christ's message—vv. 47-51
 - a. "*I am the Bread of Life*"—the source of eternal life!
 - b. "*Anyone who eats of this bread will live forever*"
 - 1) Meaning of "eating": to "believe"—v. 47
 - 2) The parallels between "eating" and "spiritual truth"
 - a) Food is useless unless eaten.
 - b) Eating is prompted by hunger
 - c) Food becomes part of us through digestion
 - d) Eating involves trust.
 - e) Eating is personal
 - c. "*The bread that I give is My flesh*"—v. 51