

## **St. John L21 – Lessons 15-20 Study Summary**

### **Lesson 15 – John 6:1-21 Feeding 5000 and Walking on Water**

Q3 – Jesus tested Philip when asking how they might feed the 5000. Tests and temptations are not the same. With God, believers are “tested” to know what’s in their own hearts and whether or not they will remain steadfast and obedient to God. Faithfulness results in a Crown of Life and God’s rewards. God, however, does not “tempt” believers to do wrong things. People are lured and internally enticed by temptations from the Devil, which lead to sin, punishment and death.

Q4,5 – The crowd that day was culturally counted as about “5,000 men.” Including women and children, it could have been closer to 15,000+. From a little boy’s 2 fish and 5 small barley loaves, Jesus’ blessed the food such that the disciples collected 12 baskets of leftovers after people ate “as much as they wanted.” It was then He sensed they would try to make Him King by mob rule.

Q8 – The disciples were clearly “awestruck” when Jesus came to them on the stormy lake walking on the water. This event is recorded in all 4 Gospels. Other accounts show Peter walking on water to Him, Jesus rebuking the storm, and that the disciples worshipped Him when He boarded their boat. If they didn’t believe He was God up to this point, they now knew He wasn’t a mere man!

### **Lesson 16 – John 6:22-40 Jesus: God’s Modern-Day Manna for the World**

Q1-3 – The next day, after Jesus rebuked the crowd for seeking Him out for more food, He taught them about the “food that endures” and the “work of God.” God has set His Seal upon Jesus to provide food (God’s Word) that endures to eternal life. Jesus taught that the work of God is actually to believe on Him whom the Father sent (i.e., Jesus).

Q5,6 – Like God the Father sending manna to Moses and the Jews in the wilderness, the Father now has sent Jesus as the Bread of God to give life to the world --- believers He will raise up on the Last Day. The Father’s Will for Jesus is that He loses none of those given to Him by the Father.

Q7,8 – Jesus came into the world to do His Father’s Will --- as all Christians should be committed to doing! Regarding personal evangelism, our part is to accurately share Jesus as the Son of God, the Father’s Chosen One, so that others can come to knowledge of Him.

### **Lesson 17 – John 6:41-71 A Difficult Teaching**

Q1 – The people at the Capernaum synagogue took offense when Jesus said He came down from His Father in heaven. They knew His family --- Joseph, Mary, brothers and sisters --- because He grew up in that region (Galilee). He was a Prophet without honor among the locals....

Q2,3 – Jesus responded that no one comes to Him unless God the Father draws him/her. Anyone who loves the Father will receive Him, the Son. He promised that He would give His life (flesh) for the world, the atoning sacrifice that brings us life.

Q4, 7 – Jesus’ teaching that we need to eat His flesh and drink His blood was figurative. Consuming Jesus, in a spiritual sense, brings us eternal life. It was His sacrifice, not miracles, that delivers the world. However, the crowd that day was repulsed by this concept. Taking His words literally, they turned back and walked with (followed) Him no more. But the 12 disciples said that they believed Jesus to be the source of Eternal Life --- and they would stay with Him!

Q5 – Jesus taught in Mt. 7:13-14 that the gate to destruction (hell) is wide and easy, but the gate leading to (eternal) life is narrow and hard --- and there are few who will find it.

Lesson 18 – John 7:1-24      Jesus Teaches in Jerusalem

Q1-3 – Jesus had at least 4 brothers and 2 sisters, possibly more. As He began teaching that He came down from the Father in heaven, healing people, and teaching about the Kingdom of God, their family relationship was strained. They did not believe in Him at this time and spoke with Him sarcastically. They were unsaved and unregenerated like most everyone else at this time.

Q4 – Jesus talked about “My time” often in the Gospels. Eventually this is disclosed as His arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane, trial before the Sanhedrin, and crucifixion. It referred to His atoning death on the cross to redeem mankind from the penalty and power of sin.

Q5,6 – At the Jerusalem feasts, people debated whether Jesus was a good man or a false prophet leading others astray. All were amazed at His insight into the Scriptures since He appeared only to have had the synagogue teaching common to all Jewish boys and men.

Q7 – Jesus said that if anyone loved God the Father and lived to do His Will, they would know that Jesus’ teachings were truly from the Father and without falsehoods.

Lesson 19 – John 7:25-52      Is Jesus the Christ?

Q1,2 – Jesus was born in Bethlehem and raised in Nazareth (Galilee). Everyone believed He came from Galilee, so He was rejected by religious officials who claimed, “No prophet comes from Galilee.”

Q3 – Jesus said He was going where no one (there) could follow. Jesus taught in John 14 that He was going to heaven ahead of us to prepare places for us, and that He is the way between God the Father and all mankind. Presently, He is described as seated at the Father’s right hand.

Q4 – Jesus’ invited people to come to Him to receive ‘rivers of living water’ flowing from the heart. By this He referred to the Holy Spirit. God ‘within’ me renews my soul and faith, and He guides me to love, serve and understand God. The Spirit confirms me as God’s child, prays according to God’s Will, and brings immortality to my mortal body.

Lesson 20 – John 7:53-8:11      The Woman Caught in Adultery

Q1,2 – Adultery, according to Jewish Law, merits death for both the man and the woman. It was forbidden in the 10 Commandments, and Jesus taught us that just looking at a woman lustfully causes a man to commit adultery within his own heart. The New Testament clearly teaches that unforgiven adulterers cannot enter the Kingdom of God. Married couples must not withhold sex from their spouses except for brief periods devoted to godly prayer, but then they must reunite.

Q4 – God-ordained and honored marriage is between one man and one woman for a lifetime. Men are to love their wives sacrificially and share God’s Word with them so they may become clean, holy and pure. Men are also to cling exclusively to their wives, sexually-speaking.

Q5 – Believers are to abstain from sexual immorality, controlling their own bodies in holiness and honor. Don’t wrong our brothers and sisters in this way! There should be no hint of immorality among believers, and we should not associate or even share a meal with a ‘brother’ guilty of sexual immorality. Broadly speaking, sexual immorality includes: adultery, fornication, prostitution, homosexuality, and pornography.

Q7,8 – Jesus allowed the crowd to punish the woman caught in adultery with stoning, but no one threw a stone at her in reply to Jesus’ stipulation of being “without sin.” Jesus here sets down a very important principle regarding God’s forgiveness of any human sin: “Go! And sin (in this way) no more!”