

**Sunday, March 10, 2024**

**Title:** “Buttered Bread or Better Bread”

**Text:** John 6:1–15, 35–40

**Series:** *The Gospel of John*

**ACT 1: Jesus’ Incredible Miracle (John 6:1–15)**

**1. A Crowd Follows Jesus because of Jesus’ healing miracles (vv. 1–4).**

*A large crowd was following [Jesus], because they saw the signs He was doing on the sick (v. 2)*

**2. Jesus miraculously feeds thousands to further display His Identity as God the Son, the Messiah, so that people will come to believe in Him (vv. 5–15).**

**ACT 2: The Crowd’s Incredible Rejection (John 6:22–40)**

(1) The Crowd lingered to seek Jesus (John 6:22–24).

(2) Jesus tells the Crowd that they are seeking Jesus for the wrong reason, namely, “because you ate your fill of the loaves” (John 6:25–27).

(3) Jesus tells the Crowd that the Father’s work and will is to “believe in Him Whom He has sent” (John 6:28–29).

(4) Shockingly, the Crowd demands another sign from Jesus, particularly, more “bread from heaven to eat” (John 6:30–34).

(5) Jesus challenges the Crowd to come to believe in Jesus; Jesus is “the Bread of Life” (John 6:35–40).

## Principles in the Crowd's Pattern of Rejection

**#1. People who are only interested in earthly concerns (and personal comfort) reject Jesus.**

**#2. People cannot come to Jesus who will not come to Jesus.**

**#3. People who come to Jesus for eternal life recognize they are dead without Him.**

**#4. People who come to Jesus are distinguished from the Crowd.**

### John 6:25–71

1. The crowds pursued Jesus for personal benefits, not to submit to Jesus as Lord and God (vv. 25–27).

A. They cared most for the temporal and earthly, which so easily perishes (vv. 26–27).

B. They demanded that Jesus meet their expectations on their time and their terms (vv. 28–31).

C. Jesus graciously explains that He is their real need, but He is not what they really want (vv. 32–36).

1. All the Father gives to Jesus are willing to come to Jesus, and Jesus will never cast them out (vv. 37–40).

D. The Jews deny Jesus' preexistence as an excuse to reject His exclusive claims (vv. 41–42).

1. No one comes to Jesus unless the Father who sent Jesus draws them, and Jesus will raise up on the last day everyone who willingly comes to Jesus (vv. 43–46).

E. Jesus is the bread of life (He is more valuable than physical bread) (vv. 47–59).

2. Since the crowds pursued Jesus for personal benefits, not to submit to Jesus as Lord and God, most of them desert Jesus when they realize that He is offering them spiritual life with God (vv. 60–66).

3. The true disciples (i.e. Christians) remain because they were interested in spiritual life in God, not just earthly and temporal concerns (vv. 67–71).