

Kelly's Idiot Notes for Preaching John 6

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6:01 When Jesus began His public ministry Capernaum His home
on the West shores of Sea of Galilee.

6:02 Jesus frequently went to the E. shore an uninhabited quiet
wilderness to teach the people.

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6:04 fourteenth day of Abib or Nisan.

If count feast in 5:1 as a Passover, this 3rd Passover since baptism
Jesus.

Only the little recorded in John 5 concerns...Jesus' early public
ministry.

6:05 The country was dry, the temperature pleasant.

People accustomed to outdoor migratory lifestyle.

Followed Jesus w/o one idea how long they would remain.

Were detained by His teaching and became hungry.

6:06 Said to try Phillip prepare him for what he intended to do.

6:07 200 shillings approx. \$30.

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6:09 They were in the wilderness ... food not be easily obtained.

Barley was the food of lower classes of people.

6:10 Jesus w/o ostentation or boasting proposed and effected the most
stupendous and impossible things.

with all the assurance and composure that ordinary people undertake for the most commonplace affairs of life.

6:11 In the breaking of bread it was increased and multiplied.

Jews considered stealing from God to eat w/o first offering thanks food.

6:12 Their hunger was satisfied / **teach the sin of wastefulness** /

all of nature avoids waste.

waste of America **awful** we could **feed the world** with our waste / becomes garbage.

6:13 Miracle manifesting creative power.

A miracle is the power to do something that God **alone** can do.

A Miracle is done to attest the presence & power of God

In the person performing miracle, that he **acts & speaks** for God.

It did not require more power & wisdom to make this bread & fish

Than was used in devising & putting in force the process of the regular material world we live in ...

This & all of the miracles & signs of Jesus simply testify that

He **spoke & acted** in the authority of God.

Simply feeding 5,000 was no miracle,

God fed them & the rest of the world the day before &

the day following through all time through his natural laws.

The **way** God did it constituted the miracle.

6:14 Deuteronomy 18:15-22, Acts 3:18-24, Acts 7:37, Matthew 17:1-5

6:15 Jesus to be a king to deliver them from Roman bondage.

Faith of Jews impulsive & momentary.

The manifestation of feeding the 5,000 cooled down & their faith passed away.

Psalms 2:1-12

Psalms 45:1-7

Hebrews 1:3-12

Acts 2:29-33

6:16 Jesus sent the disciples away by boat then sent the multitude away & withdrew to pray. **Matthew 14:22**

6:17 Small fishing boat at least large enough to carry the 12 disciples.

6:18 Sea of Galilee 6 miles wide.

Quickly high waves develop by the winds coming down from the surrounding mountains.

6:19 8 furlongs in a mile, they were in the center of the sea.

Matthew 14:25 says it was in the 4th watch, between 3AM & daylight.

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6:21 Matthew 14:28-33 Peter's request to come to Jesus on the water.

Jesus can also calm the troubled soul & carry it safely to Heaven.

6:22 They had seen the apostles leave w/o Jesus.

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6:25 Curiosity how He crossed sea uppermost in their mind.

Multitudes He fed sought Him on E. side of Sea where they were fed.

They crossed to Capernaum & found Him on the W. side opposite of where they had eaten.

Rabbi means Teacher & Master.

Recognition of His wisdom & superiority as a Teacher.

As applied to Jesus here, was recognition that He was a Teacher sent from God.

6:26 Instead of gratifying their curiosity

He reproved them for seeking Him for food He gave them.

He tells them a truth that lays bare their hearts.

Not interested in miracles He performed as manifestations of God's presence, but because they ate of the food & were filled.

This class of people exists right here @ Main every Sunday.

Each Lord's day after worship, we have fellowship meal for poor.

Some attend who take no interest in preaching praying singing & study.

Only attracted by the dinner provided.

Not specifically vicious or bad people,

but fleshly people satisfied to fill their belly.

6:27 The Father owned & confessed Him as His prophet to teach world.

Need to be impressed with importance of seeking spiritual good.

Will result in eternal & imperishable blessings.

Material food they ate **perishes**, body sustained by this food **perishes**.

The **spirit** lives **forever**.

Jesus drawing distinction between **body** & **spirit**.

6:28 God's work will endure forever.

To do work of God, is to labor for meat that will endure forever.

What does God require us to do to inherit everlasting life.

6:29 The work God requires is believe in Jesus Christ

whom God has sent to represent Him to the human race.

This is a work performed by the inner spiritual man.

The question of salvation by works has troubled the world.

A clear understanding of 2 different senses in which works is used:

The works of God, are those ordained by God &

the works of man are those thought up by man.

The works of God, are those works God has ordained man to do,

not the works that God Himself does.

6:30 They had just seen the loaves & fishes increased to feed 5,000.

This was demanding more testimony while refusing

to believe the testimony already given.

6:31 It is probable that they expected Him to feed them

w/o labor on their part throughout their whole life as a sign.

6:32 Jesus seizes this reference to manna to show

manna was not the real spiritual bread sent down from God.

It was material earthly bread for support of the body.

The true bread God gave from Heaven was spiritual &

will bring spiritual life.

V:49 Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness & are dead.

Hence, it could not be the spiritual bread that comes from Heaven.

6:33 He follows up this thought with the assurance that

He is The True Bread sent from God to give life to the world.

John 14:6 I am the Way, the Truth & the Life....

6:34 When they heard such great good would come from it they asked for this bread that they might not die but live a fleshly life forever.

6:35 These Jews like the woman of Samaria in **John 4**

found it difficult to rise above thoughts of their fleshly body & its appetites & desires.

To believe in Him with an earnest living faith is to:

eat His flesh & drink His blood.

6:36 Water to wine in Cana of Galilee **John 2:1-11**

They saw the miracles He did @ Passover **John 2:23**

Healed nobleman's son **John 4:46-54**

Invalid of 38 years made whole **John 5:1-9**

Now He feeds 5,000 w/5 loaves & 2 fishes **John 6:1-13**

Yet none of these miracles influenced them to believe.

One can only wonder what it would take to persuade such people.

They thought that feeding 5,000 was inferior to what Moses had done.

Is it any different today?

Man disbelieves today because he is determined to do so.

Not because of a lack of evidence.

The reason they could not receive that life is, had seen Him,
Heard His teaching, & many works, & refused to believe in Him.
So refused to do the work of God.

6:37 There is recognition in scripture that certain class of persons
with honest heart are God's people & will do what God desires.

6:38 Jesus came from Heaven to lead men in God's way.

6:39 Jesus WILL save all who believe & follow Him.

That some start out to follow Him, turn back, &
walk with Him no more, does not disprove this truth.

6:40 It is God's will that **All** who obey Jesus will have eternal life.

6:41 Jews did not understand, looked at it from materialistic
standpoint.

6:42 They knew His earthly origin.

6:43 This is a rebuke. They were not honest inquirers.

6:44 John 12:32

Raise him up at the last day.

None come unless taught & drawn by Father.

Man's will & divine drawing:

No man comes unless he **wills** to come.

Man can refuse to come & God does not compel, but says "he that
will, let him take the water of life freely".

God “**draws**” to induce desire to come.

Gospel “is the power of God unto salvation”

Revelation of the crucified Savior.

Yield to love of Father manifested in gospel.

He **draws** men to Christ by gospel, then Christ takes up work & will raise from the dead “in the last day”.

6:45 Isaiah 54:13-14, Jeremiah 31:31-34

God through all the ages of the past had been trying & making ready a people to receive Christ.

Jesus more **explicit** how Father draws men to Christ. **By teaching.**

All taught of God.

“If ye believed Moses, ye would believe me: for he wrote of me”.

6:46 Drawing of God through **servants**, the **prophets**, & **teachers** he sent into world.

(Jesus affirms faith in Him **is** source of life.)

6:47 Came into world to give eternal life to those who believe in him.

6:48 Jesus is means & source of spiritual & eternal life

as bread is source & support of material life.

6:49 Manna was bread given to support them through journey to **earthly** Canaan, as Jesus was to support them in journey to **heavenly** Canaan.

But manna **not** life giving, for those who ate it died.

6:50 Those who partook of **true** bread of heaven should **never** die.

6:51 Jesus Himself possessed life & could impart it to others.

His life was spiritual & eternal.

Make His will our will.

Live according to His will.

Eat of His flesh & drink his blood.

His life He gave for life of world.

6:52 Jews could not perceive spiritual truths so murmured impossibility of truths.

6:53 Numbers 9:13

Unless they made his life their life they would have no life.

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1 Cor 15:20-26, 50-58

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:31-46

He who makes life of Jesus his life hath eternal life & Jesus will raise him up to enjoyment of eternal life at the last day.

6:55 Making of life of Jesus one's life indeed true spiritual life.