

The Lord's Message: Feeding on Jesus: Living Bread

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How many of you have ever eaten a Krispy Kreme Doughnut? I probably need to make a disclaimer. If you gain weight while listening to this sermon series, please do not blame me. Those Krispy Kreme Doughnuts are mouth watering delicious, especially when they are hot out of the oven. You can tell when the doughnuts are coming out the oven when you drive by the store. There is a "Hot Now" light that lights to let you know this. Now as much as I like Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, there is a problem. You can not keep them forever. Matter of fact after four days, they become stale. I have never had them around that long, but I discovered this fact from the website, eatdelights.com. Our souls need something to feed on that will last longer than four days. Let us find out who that is.

Let us pray.

We started off this sermon series with the realization that our bodies need to eat the right kinds of food in order to be healthy. We also discovered that our souls need to feed on Jesus in order to be healthy. At the beginning of John chapter 6, Jesus performed a mighty miracle by feeding over 5000 people with a boy's Happy Meal consisting of five barley loaves and two fish. The people's bellies were satisfied that day, but the next day they were hungry again. They searched for Jesus until they found him. They thought that Jesus would provide them with another meal. Jesus knew what they were thinking, because God knows our thoughts. Jesus said to them in **John 6:26-27**. The conversation moves on to the point where the Israelites were provided with bread or was called "manna" in the wilderness. Manna means what is it. This event is found in **Exodus 16: 4-5**. Jesus points out to the people the problem with this "manna," in **John 6:49**. The facts are that everybody who eats the doughnuts or any other earthly food dies. We need something more. We need food that will last for eternity. In **John 6:47-48**, Jesus provides this food for eternity to us.

The people are looking for a physical sign of this food. They grumbled among themselves that Jesus can not be “the bread that came down from heaven,” because they know who Jesus is. Look at **John 6:42**. Yet, just as God provided them manna that they could see, in **John 6:40**, God has also provided them a physical sign, His Son Jesus. They have rejected this sign. It is not God’s fault, but theirs. Before we blame these people for not being aware of the sign of God’s love, we should look at how many times, we have missed the signs of God’s love. Just taking a breath is a sign of God’s love. Just have a roof over your head, clothes on, and food is a sign of God’s love. Just being in a fellowship with others, is a sign of God’s love. Seeing the sun rise and set are a sign of God’s love. God created the world as a sign of God’s love. Paul says in **Romans 1:19-20**. The people want a sign. God gives them His Son, Jesus. The people do not want to accept this sign. Sadly, people today still do not want to accept this sign.

This sign not something that was not announced. The people in this crowd had been told about the coming Messiah all through their prophets and the books that Moses wrote, the Torah. Jesus reminds them of this in **John 6:45**. Jesus points out to them the key to their problem, “everyone who has listened to the Father and learned from him comes to me.” These people are not listening to what God has told them. Every book in the Bible tells us about Jesus. In the Old Testament, every book is about the coming Messiah or Jesus. In the New Testament, every book is that Jesus has come and will come again. We need to be prepared for His return on the earth. Sadly, God describes us as in **Jeremiah 6:10**. We need to open our eyes, our ears, and our minds to see and listen to God.

We also need to feed on the Living Bread to have faith. The Bible describes faith in **Hebrews 11:1**. We cannot see God, but we know that God exist, because we have seen Jesus. This is confirmed in **John 6:46**. Now, I have to admit to you that I was not born when Jesus walked upon this earth. So, you might be thinking how can Pastor Dave seen Jesus. The answer is I see Jesus when I am reading my Bible. I see Jesus when I am praying. I pray for God not to just respond to my needs, but also for God to speak to me and through me. I see Jesus in the kindness that people show to others. I see Jesus in the difficult situations in this life. I see Jesus in forgiving me of my mistakes, my sins. I am not perfect, but I strive to be a better husband, father, pastor, and person. I feed on Jesus to be more like Jesus, every day.

I like what Paul says about not having obtain this goal in **Philippians 3:12-16**. So, we should continue to press on toward the goal of everlasting life which can only be provided by Jesus. This fact is found in **John 6:51**. Let us feed on Jesus the Living Bread until God calls us home. Amen.