

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What is the central truth of this lesson?
2. Did a large percentage of the people get the message?
3. What did the people see in this incident?
4. Does it seem strange that when Jesus revealed His true identity, many turned away from Him and followed Him no more?

SUMMARY:

A good provider is one who is able to meet the needs of those dependent upon him for food and shelter and the material things required for a happy life.

In the Bible we are told that this life does not consist only of the material things we possess, but we also have a need for spiritual provision. Only Christ, the Great Provider, can supply this.

In this text Jesus desired to teach the people that while He could supply food for their physical hunger, His primary purpose was to satisfy their spiritual needs.

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #6

February 8, 2026

First Quarter

THE GREAT PROVIDER

LESSON TEXT: John 6:1-14; 22-69

LESSON SETTING: Jesus crossed the Sea of Galilee and went up into a mountain with His disciples.

TIME: Approximately 31 A.D.

- I. A GREAT MULTITUDE.** John 6:1-4
 - A. Wanted to See a Miracle (vs. 2)
 - B. Moved Jesus with Compassion. Matthew 14:14; Mark 6:34; Luke 9:11
- II. A GREAT MYSTERY.** John 6:5-9
 - A. Disciples Question. (vs. 9) Mark 6:36-37
 - B. Jesus Knew (vs. 6)
- III. A GREAT MIRACLE.** John 6:10-14
 - A. Provided the Bread (vs. 12-13)
 - B. Revealed a Truth (vs. 14) Genesis 49:10; Deuteronomy 18:15, 18
- IV. A GREAT MESSAGE.** John 6:22-69
 - A. Seek for Bread that Does Not Perish (vs. 27, 51)
 - B. Jesus is that Bread. (vs. 35, 48, 58)
 - C. Sent by God the Father (vs. 39-40) John 17:26

GOLDEN TEXT: *I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE; HE THAT COMETH TO ME SHALL NEVER HUNGER; AND HE THAT BELIEVETH ON ME SHALL NEVER THIRST.*
John 6:35

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: John 7:25-53

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Leviticus 23:33-44; Ezekiel 3:4-13
Zechariah 14:16-21

QUARTERLY THEME: Christ, the Son of God

TOPIC: THE WATER OF LIFE

INTRODUCTION:

“If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink.” What a loving invitation our Savior extends to us. But how do we thirst; how do we come to Him? He promises to give, but we first must do our part. We must ask. We may not be thirsty, we may not desire to drink, but in order to have life we must have water.

We must ask God to give us this thirst, this desire for the living water, for Christ, Himself. After receiving this thirst we turn to Him, believing He will supply the water to satisfy us. He dwells within us filling us with His Spirit, giving us strength and power for our needs. This help is always within us if we only turn to it and drink. The devil tries to prevent us from receiving this supply of strength, by filling our minds with doubts and fears. Therefore, drinking this water must be done constantly, so that our thirst is always quenched. Our life is in Him and He abides in us.

CENTRAL TRUTH: Christ will save those who crave salvation, but they must take the first step.

GOLDEN TEXT: *IF ANY MAN THIRST, LET HIM COME UNTO ME AND DRINK.*

John 7:37

God has so created us that our mortal bodies require water from time to time, lest we die. We have all experienced times when we are not thirsty and know that when such is true, we would not drink, even if water is available within our reach. But in the heat of the day, after labor, who of us would not eagerly and thankfully accept a “cup of cold water”?

Man was also created a spiritual being, but this person is naturally under the curse of sin, condemned to death. All have an inner longing for life, but too often we suppress this yearning for the things of God and seek that which will perish. God, through His Word directs us to Jesus who has this living water and offers it freely to all who would accept it.

As we would often drink to sustain these bodies of clay, much more should we thirst for that living water, that our souls may live. “Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.” (Revelation 22:17)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF February 9 – 15

Mon. Water from the Rock. Exodus 17:1-8
Tue. A Miraculous River. Ezekiel 47:1-6
Wed. Life-giving Water. Ezekiel 47:7-12
Thu. The Water Rejected. John 7:1-13
Fri. *The Savior Challenged. John 7:14-27
Sat. *The Living Water. John 7:28-39
Sun. The Eternal River. Revelation 22:1-10

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