LESSON 57

- 1. Why did Jesus become tired?
- -Although Jesus was fully God, He was also fully man.
- 2. How was Jesus able to command the wind and the sea to be still?
- -Because Jesus was God.
- 3. Why did the wind and the sea have to obey Jesus?
- -Because it was Jesus who created the wind and the sea.
- 4. Was the demon-possessed man able to save himself from the power of all of the demons who controlled him? -No.
- 5. Were others able to save this man from the power of all of the demons who controlled him?
- 6. How do we know that demons hate us people?
- -Because the demons forced the man to live in caves where people were buried.
- -Because the demons forced the man to cut himself.
- 7. Who is the chief of all of the demons? -Satan.
- 8. Who is greater than Satan and his demons? -God.

- 9. While all of the pigs died, why did the demons not die?
- -Because demons are spirits.
- -Because demons do not have a body like people or animals do.
- 10. Who set the man free from the bondage of the demons? -Jesus.
- -Some time later, Jesus and his disciples crossed to the far shore of the Lake of Galilee.

Let's read John 6:1-2

- 1-Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias),
- 2-and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the miraculous signs he had performed on the sick.
- -Why did the great crowd follow Jesus?
- -Because they wanted to see more of the miraculous signs that Jesus had performed on the sick.

Let's read John 6:3

3-Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples.

- -Although Jesus and His disciples went up on a mountainside, the great crowd followed Him.
- -The crowd was so many that there were over five thousand people.
- -Then, Jesus asked one of His disciples, Philip, a question.

Let's read John 6:5-7

- 5-When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?"
- 6-He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.
- 7-Philip answered him, "Eight months' wages would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"
- -Why did Jesus ask Philip this question?
- -Jesus wanted to test Philip, for Jesus already knew what He was going to do.

Let's read John 6:8-9

- 8-Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up,
- 9-"Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"

- -Jesus' disciples did not know how they were going to feed all of the people.
- -Here is what Jesus said to them:

Let's read John 6:10-13

- 10-Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and the men sat down, about five thousand of them.
- 11-Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.
- 12-When they had all had enough to eat, Jesus said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted."
- 13-So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten
- -After Jesus had thanked God the Father, He broke the loaves and the fishes, and gave them to the disciples to give to the people.
- -When Jesus started to feed the people, how many loaves of bread and how many fish did He have?
- -Five loaves of bread and two fish.

- -How many people did Jesus feed with five loaves of bread and two fish?
- -Over five thousand people.
- -How was Jesus able to feed over five thousand people with five loaves of bread and two fish?
- -Because Jesus is God.
- -Because Jesus can do anything.
- -After all of the people had eaten, what did they say?

Let's read John 6:14-15

- 14-After the people saw the miraculous sign that Jesus did, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world."
- 15-Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.
- -Why did the people want to make Jesus king?
- -Because they wanted Jesus to give them food all of the time.
- -Did the people want Jesus to save them from sin, death, and Satan?
- -No.

- -They were only thinking of their stomachs.
- -Why did Jesus not want to be the king of the people?
- -Because Jesus knew that the hearts of the people were evil.
- -Because Jesus knew that the people only wanted Him to give them food.
- -Because of the people, Jesus went off by Himself.
- -When evening came, Jesus' disciples got into a boat, and started to cross the lake of Galilee.

Let's read John 6:16-21

- 16-When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake.
- 17-where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them.
- 18-A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough.
- 19-When they had rowed three or three and a half miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were terrified.
 - 20-But he said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid."
- 21-Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading.

- -Why were the disciples afraid?
- -Because they saw Jesus walking on the water towards them.
- -Can any man walk on water?
- -No.
- -Only Jesus was able to walk on water.
- -No one else is like Jesus.
- -Because Jesus created the sea, He was able to walk on the sea.
- -Because Jesus is God, He can do anything He chooses.
- -Later on, the crowd went to find Jesus.

Let's read John 6:22-25

- 22-The next day the crowd that had stayed on the opposite shore of the lake realized that only one boat had been there, and that Jesus had not entered it with his disciples, but that they had gone away alone.
- 23-Then some boats from Tiberias landed near the place where the people had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks.
- 24-Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

- 25-When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"
- -Why was the crowd looking for Jesus?
- -Because they wanted Him to give them more food.
- -Did Jesus know why they were following Him?
- -Yes.
- -What did Jesus say to the crowd?

Let's read John 6:26-27

- 26-Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, you are looking for me, not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and had your fill."
- 27-"Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. On him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.
- -Jesus told the crowd that they were looking for Him only because He had given them food.
- -Then Jesus said this:
- -"Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life."
- -Did Jesus mean that it is wrong to work for our food? -No.

- -We all must work for food.
- -What did Jesus mean?
- -Jesus was saying that it is more important to think about spiritual food than physical food.
- -Jesus was saying that it is more important to work for spiritual food than physical food.
- -What is the spiritual food that we should work for?
- -The Word of God.
- -The crowd then asked Jesus a question.

Let's read John 6:28-29

- 28-Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?"
- 29-Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."
- -What did the people ask Jesus?
- -They asked Jesus what work must they do to be pleasing to God.
- -What was Jesus' reply?
- -Jesus replied that the only work which pleases God is to believe in Jesus.

-Did the people then accept what Jesus said? -No.

Let's read John 6:30-31

- 30-So they asked him, "What miraculous sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?
- 31-Our forefathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"
- -The people were saying that just as Moses gave the Israelites manna every day in the desert, they wanted Jesus to give them bread every day.
- -What did Jesus reply to them?

Let's read John 6:32-33

- 32-Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.
- 33-For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."
- -Did Moses give the Israelites bread in the desert?
- -No.
- -Who was the One who gave the Israelites bread in the desert?

-God.

-Jesus said that God the Father was the One who gave the Israelites bread in the desert.

-Jesus also said that just as God the Father gave the Israelites bread from heaven in the desert, so God the Father was giving them true bread from heaven.

-Who is the true bread from heaven that God the Father gives?

-Jesus.

-How is Jesus like the manna which God gave to the Israelites in the desert?

-Just like the manna came from heaven, so Jesus also came from Heaven.

-Just like the manna was given only by God, so Jesus also was given only by God.

-Just like the Israelites would have died without manna, so people too will die without Jesus.

-Did the people understand?

Let's read John 6:34

- 34-"Sir," they said, "from now on give us this bread."
- -The people did not understand.
- -The people thought that Jesus was talking about bread for their bodies.
- -Was Jesus talking about bread for their bodies?
- -No.
- -Jesus was talking about bread for their spirit.

Let's read John 6:35

- 35-Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty."
- -Jesus said that He was spiritual bread from heaven.
- -If someone does not eat, will they die?
- -Yes.
- -Just like people will die if they do not eat, if we do not believe in Jesus as the only bread for our spirit, then we will also die.
- -If we believe in Jesus, our spirit will never be hungry again.