

John
John 6:31-51, 19:25-27
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I. Introduction

II. Like no other gospel

- A. Different events and language
- B. Short on parables and kingdom of God
- C. Timing: 3 Passovers

III. Date: 85-100 AD

- A. P52: “What is truth?”
- B. Very hostile picture with Pharisees
 - 1. Try to stone Jesus (8:58-59; 10:31-32)
 - 2. “Put out of the synagogue” (9:22; 12:42; 16:2)

IV. Structure

- A. Prologue (1)
- B. Book of Signs (2-12)
- C. Book of Glory (13-21)

V. Author and location

- A. “Disciple whom Jesus loved” (13:23; 19:26, 35; 21:20, 24)
- B. Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons (d. 202 AD)
- C. Clement of Alexandria (d. 215 AD)

VI. Sources

- A. Separate tradition from synoptics
- B. Saturated with the Hebrew Scriptures
- C. Strong connections to Qumran
- D. Greek philosophy

VII. Theology

- A. Centered on Christology
- B. Intimate Father-Son relationship
- C. *Paraclete* continues Jesus’ ministry (14:16-17, 26)

VIII. Passages

- A. John 6:31-51
- B. John 19:25-27

IX. Lessons?

- A. Our understanding “scratches the surface” (21:25)
- B. The gracious invitation
- C. The glory of the cross

X. What else?

XI. LET US PRAY!

Next time: November 1 Acts

John 6:31-51

Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " ³² Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave 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 that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴ They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ³⁶ But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷ Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away, ³⁸ for I have come down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day."

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴² They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³ Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶ Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

John 19:25-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.