

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Believing Into Life, Part 18

BIG IDEA: Jesus himself is what will actually satisfy your soul in a way nothing else will if you will turn to him, trust him, and become his follower.

Overall, what is Jesus doing?

1. He's Thinning out the Fan-Base... Thinning out the FANS and keeping the FOLLOWERS!

Jesus is not **MORE** interested in you being his follower than his fan. He is **ONLY** interested in you becoming his follower, his disciple.

“Do not work for food that spoils...” **John 6:27**

2. Jesus calls us out on what we are seeking to FILL us, NOURISH us, SUSTAIN us.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” **Matt. 6:19-21**

“Food” here, is anything we seek to fill us up.

What are you seeking to fill up yourself instead of the Lord?

“work... for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you.” **John 6:27**

3. Jesus Himself is the NOURISHMENT your soul is looking for. He gives you himself.

“Manna”... “the one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little. Everyone had gathered just as much as they needed.” **Exodus 16:18**

Provision from God. Dependent trust from his people.

A New Exodus.

In *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis 2 biblical words for life: **Zoe** and **Bios**.

Jesus is actually inviting you to experience the life he has with his Father and the Spirit. That relationship at the center of the universe!

“For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.” **John 6:55**

Eat my flesh and drink my blood? What's up with that?

- Jesus prophesies his atoning death for our sins... taking them into himself.
- Jesus will redefine the Passover meal, opening up a new Exodus!
- The foundation for the “Lord's Supper” (bread/wine)