

CHAPTER 6 & 7

**TABLE OF
SHOWBREAD**

4 Jewish FEASTS

John 6 - 7

- John Chap. 6 begins with the 2nd of 4 Jewish Feasts that John presents.
- He presents these to show the Lord Jesus is the **CHRIST**.
 - 1) Healing on the **SABBATH** - Jn. 5
 - 2) Feeding of 5000 on **PASSOVER** - Jn. 6
 - 3) Blind Man Sees (Chap. 9) & several other events during **FEAST OF TABERNACLES** - Jn. 7-10
 - 4) Claim Christ & Father are One on **HANUKKAH** - Jn. 10

TABLE OF SHOWBREAD (Cont'd)

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- John Chap. 6 & 7 Continues the **Table of Showbread** theme of Gods:
 - 1) Presence
 - 2) Provision
 - 3) Relationship with His own

TABLE OF SHOWBREAD (Cont'd)

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Chap. 6 & 7 **TABLE OF SHOWBREAD** is seen in:

- 1) Feeding of 5000; 6:1-15
- 2) Walk on Water; 6:16-21
- 3) Christ the Actual Bread of Life Sermon; 7:22-71

But ultimately men would **REJECT** the Lord:

- 1) His Family; Jn. 7:1-13
- 2) Jews at Temple; Jn. 7:14-36
- 3) Religious Jewish Rulers; Jn. 7:37-52

Though rejected, this statement is made by those sent to arrest Him, “**No one ever spoke like this man!**” Jn. 7:46

FEEDING of the 5000

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- John describes how the Lord fed 5000 men; “besides women and children.” Matt. 14:21
- In total, probably 20,000+ people were fed with the meager lunch of a boy. (5 barley loaves and 2 fish).
- Now, John mainly recorded things that the Lord did and said in Judea and Jerusalem.
- But here is an interesting **exception!**
- Why does John include a miracle done in Galilee?

FEEDING of the 5000

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- Because it followed the **purpose** of the Gospel.
- Pragmatically, where else would there be 20,000 hungry people and a paucity of food?
- Only the countryside! But there is a **spiritual type** here.
- The **Showbread** of the Tabernacle fed the priests in the wilderness - here **Christ** would do the same!
- So, John recounts for us the miracle done in Galilee so that we might believe that Jesus is the Christ!

FEEDING of the 5000

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- This raises another fascinating question - Why are there 2 MASS FEEDINGS recorded in scripture?
- The feeding of the 5000+ came 1st, recorded here and in Mark 6.
- Then the feeding of the 4000+ after, in Mark 8.
- Why take up valuable 'scriptural real-estate' with the same type of miracle.
- Or are they the same?

FEEDING of the 5000

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- What is the DIFFERENCE?
- The feeding of the 5,000+ took place near **Bethsaida**, close to the Sea of Galilee...
- A JEWISH region.
- While the feeding of the 4,000+ took place in the region of the **Gerasenes**, in the region around the Decapolis...
- A GENTILE region.

FEEDING of the 5000

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- What was the SAME?
- In both cases, the the Lord had 'compassion' on them.
- Both were fed by the same Lord the same food.
- Both had plenty and to spare:
 - 5000+ 12 baskets (12 Tribes).
 - 4000+ 7 baskets (Days of Creation)
- Christ is greater than the Showbread.
- It fed priest - Christ fed all men!

FEEDING of the 5000

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- Thus, we might better understand Paul's statement:
- "I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the JEW first and then to the GENTILE." Rom. 1:16
- In these miracles, He feeds with miraculous bread.
- But it is all symbolic for the day when He would have His own body broken on the cross for us!

FEEDING OF 5000

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- We then have a better understanding of our Lord's proclamation later in the chapter:
- "I am the Bread of Life." Jn. 6:35
- Revealing that the true MIRACULOUS BREAD is not that which is consumed by the mouth...
- The true MIRACULOUS BREAD is that which is consumed the HEART!

FEEDING of the 5000 - PHILIP

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- Finally note the careful way in which the Savior poses the question to Philip about this bread:
- “WHERE are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?.” Jn. 6:5
- He asks about the SOURCE of BREAD.
- Philip responds, “200 denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little.” Jn. 6:7
- But Philip questions the SOURCE of FUNDS.

FEEDING of the 5000 - PHILIP

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- The Lord asked from WHERE the bread would emanate.
- Philip assumes the bread would come from a human venue, where money is the source of supply.
- Our Lord would show him that His supply of BREAD was LIMITLESS!
- At this point, Philip doubted the Lord's ability to PHYSICALLY PROVIDE!

FEEDING of the 5000 - PHILIP

John 6 - 7

- Poor Philip, later in the Gospel he would again doubt the Lord's ability to supply, He would say to the Lord:
- “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip?”” Jn. 14:8
- This time he doubted the Lord's ability to SPIRITUALLY PROVIDE!
- Are we like Philip - doubting the Lord's supply?

FEEDING of the 5000 - PHILIP

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- Interestingly, the last time we read of Philip in the word of God is among his brethren...
- “Peter and John and James and Andrew, PHILIP and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were **devoting themselves to prayer...**” Acts 1:13-14
- He got it! CHRIST IS SUFFICIENT!
- Philip finally got it! Do we?

CHRIST Walking on WATER

John 6 - 7

- Likely the crowd wanted the Lord to throw off their Roman oppression, either directly via Pilate or indirectly through Herod Antipas in Galilee.
- ‘King’ was a political title; giving evidence to their desire for a worldly savior not a Savior from sin.
- So, He departed to a mountain by Himself.
- The Lord had shunned this offer once before - from the Devil himself in the wilderness. This was not God’s plan.

CHRIST Walking on WATER

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- But before He left them, “He made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side.” Mk. 6:45. While He went to pray.
- Perhaps the Lord saw that they were being ‘infected’ with the crowd’s excitement.
- This sets up the events of Christ coming to His disciples by walking on water.

CHRIST Walking on WATER

- Fully anticipated by the Savior...
- “The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing.” Jn. 6:18

CHRIST Walking on WATER

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- The sea of Galilee was prone to these ‘Night Storms’.
- ‘The Sea of Galilee is 600 feet below sea level, in a cuplike depression among the hills. When the sun sets, the air cools; and as the cooler air from the west rushes down over the hillside, the resultant wind churns the lake. Since the disciples were rowing toward Capernaum, they were heading into the wind; consequently, they made little progress.’ (Tenney).

CHRIST Walking on WATER

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- Then “they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were frightened.” Jn. 6:19
- This was the 2nd time the Lord Jesus dealt with His disciples on a stormy Sea of Galilee.
- In the 1st storm (Matt. 8), He was present with them in the boat, and He rebuked and calmed the storm.
- In this storm He asked His disciples to trust His unseen care for them.

CHRIST Walking on WATER

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- Having just seen the great miracle...
- Possibly with some of the baskets of food, His Provision, in the boat with them!
- They were still shocked when the Lord came to them on the sea! They thought Him to be a ghost.
- What was it that calmed their hearts?

CHRIST Walking on WATER

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- When they recognized the Lord's Presence!
- The Lord said to them, “IT IS I; do not be afraid.” Then they were glad to take Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.” Jn 6:20-21
- What short memories we have - yet Christ is unchanged.
- Remember His Provision for us? How He is ever Present with us?

Oh, That We Never Might Forget

Oh, that we never might forget
What Christ has suffered for our sake,
To save our souls and make us meet
Of all His glories to partake;
But keeping this in mind, press on
To glory and the victor's crown.
But, gracious Lord, when we reflect
How apt to turn the eye from Thee,
Forget Thee, too, with sad neglect,

And listen to the enemy,
And yet to find Thee still the same—
'Tis this that humbles us with shame.
Astonished at Thy feet we fall,
Thy love exceeds our highest thought,
Henceforth be Thou our all in all,
Thou who our souls with blood hast bought;
May we henceforth more faithful prove,
And ne'er forget Thy ceaseless love.

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CHRIST Walking on WATER

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- From the 3 Gospels that recount this event, we see that:
 - They had rowed for about 7 hrs. and gone at most 2-3 miles.
 - But when the Lord came into the boat they arrived immediately to the shore.
 - This is how it will be for us, the believers, who toil in this dark night (the world), when He appears we will WITH HIM and WHERE HE IS!
 - “I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also.” Jn. 14:4

CHRIST the BREAD OF LIFE

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- With all these miracles and signs done for the people the Lord calls them to believe on Him...
- “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent.” Jn. 6:29
- But they still wanted more...
- “what sign do You do, that we may see and believe You?” Jn. 6:30
- They wanted continual almost daily sign or they would not believe! That is not faith.

CHRIST the BREAD OF LIFE

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- The culmination of the TABLE OF SHOWBREAD is ultimately fully revealed...
- ““The bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” Jesus said to them, “I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.””
Jn. 6:33-35

CHRIST the BREAD OF LIFE

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- The call to consume the 'BREAD of LIFE' as the priests consumed the TABLE OF SHOWBREAD, was the dividing line...
- "After this many of His disciples turned back and no longer walked with Him" Jn. 6:66
- But Peter shows the desired purpose of the book.
- He believes and says, "we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the HOLY ONE OF GOD." Jn. 6:69

CHRIST the BREAD OF LIFE

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- Despite all who will reject Him in John chapter 7...
- John's Gospel points to a **Calling Savior** to **believe**...
- “Enter by the **narrow gate**. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.”
Matt. 7:13-14

CHRIST the BREAD OF LIFE

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- Christ has passed through the SHEEP GATE at Bethsaida (the Place of **Mercy**) for us.
- He is the Lamb of God.
- Now He calls us to “enter by the NARROW GATE”, or the straight gate of **Faith** in Him.