

John 6:24-35 (NIV)

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.

Jesus the Bread of Life

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

²⁶ Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed 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. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."

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."

³⁰ So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?"

³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

³² Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, 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 the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

³⁴ "Sir," they said, "always give us this bread."

³⁵ Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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This passage is a very interesting one.

After feeding 5,000 people in a deserted place, Jesus returned to Capernaum. Many people who had formed part of that crowd followed him there, and hunted him down.

A verbal tug-of-war followed. The people tried to manipulate the conversation to get what they wanted from Jesus - more bread.

First of all, Jesus said that they should not be seeking perishable food, but rather, the food of eternal life.

Jesus was aware of their intentions, and wanted to help the people to see beyond their hunger for bread.

When the crowd asked Jesus what their work should be, Jesus stated that they should believe in him.

That immediately threw the conversation back into the territory of, "What will you give us?"

"Show us a sign", they requested..... after all, Moses gave us manna, or bread, in the desert. That was a sign which the people of that time could believe in.

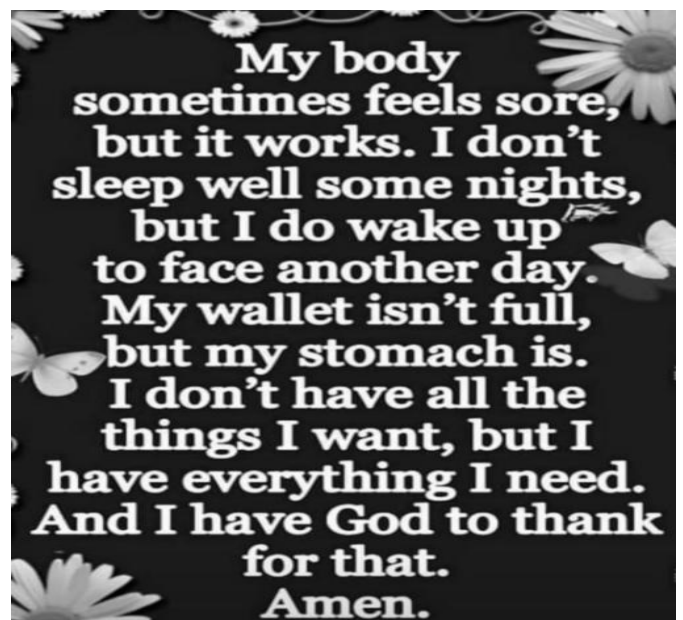
It was almost a bribe, "Feed us, and we will follow you."

Jesus knew that he didn't want followers who were only there for what they could get. He wanted followers who believed in him.

Jesus still wants followers who see him as "The bread of life"..... people who aren't going to lose interest when their wants aren't being met.

Blessing from Meg

The adult version of
"head, shoulders,
knees and toes" is
"wallet, glasses, keys
and phone."

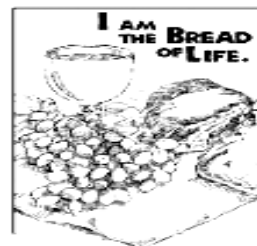


**My body
sometimes feels sore,
but it works. I don't
sleep well some nights,
but I do wake up
to face another day.
My wallet isn't full,
but my stomach is.
I don't have all the
things I want, but I
have everything I need.
And I have God to thank
for that.
Amen.**

Looking for a Sign

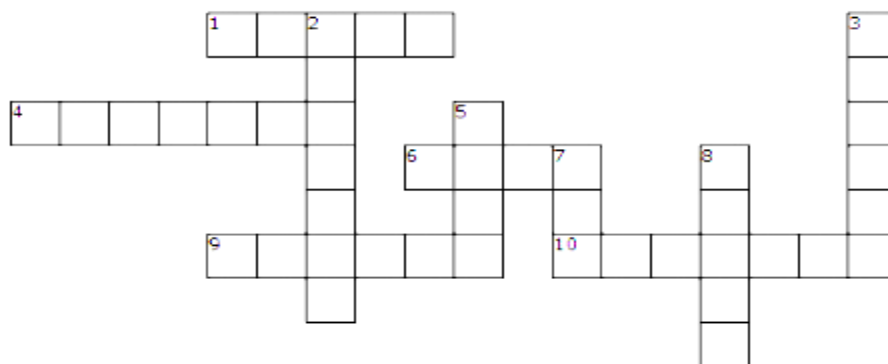
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LIFE	HEAVEN	LOAVES	TRUTH	FATHER
ETERNAL	TRUE	MANNA	DESERT	MOSES
SIGNS	FILL	THIRSTY	LAKE	BREAD
RABBI	BELIEVE	LIFE	HUNGRY	FOOD



ACROSS

- A food made from flour and water, mixed together and baked
- To accept something as being true
- The period between birth and death
- The place where God and the angels live
- To have a desire for water.

DOWN

- To last forever; to be without end
- To have a desire for food
- A signal that something exists or might happen in the future
- To put food into your mouth, chew it, and swallow it
- The earth with its inhabitants