John Lesson 16

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INTRODUCTION

- A person can search the Bible and not come to the understanding of truth. And the fault is not because the Bible cannot be understood, but because some people have a closed mind, a closed heart.
- They're always searching for some kind of proof of what they already believe, rather than of what the Word of God really says.
- We need to simply take the Bible and go verse by verse and search what it does say, and then accept what it says, regardless of the changes that it may make in our lives.

1 Signs Selected That You Might Believe

John 6:1–4; John 20:30–31

- There are only seven miracles that are signs that Jesus worked that are recorded in this book, and two of them are in our lesson today from John chapter six.
- What we're looking at with John chapter 6 is the beginning of the last year of the Lord's personal ministry on earth.
- Many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
- John did not tell us every miracle Jesus worked, but he selected certain signs.

2 Power Over Quantity: Feeding the Five Thousand

John 6:5–14; Matthew 14:15–21; Deuteronomy 18:15–18

- We find this miracle, the first one, the feeding of the five thousand, as being a power over quantity. He could take so little, and yet feed so many.
- The number was not just total five thousand, but the total was five thousand men plus women and children.
- Power over quantity: he could take so little, feed so many and still have twelve baskets left over. Indeed Jesus had to be the Christ, the Son of God.
- Those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.
- Moses had said that God would raise up a prophet like unto him.

3 Jesus Refused to Be an Earthly King

John 6:15; John 18:36; Luke 17:20–21

- When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone.

- Though he came to establish the kingdom, though he came to be the king of kings, yet he refused to be an earthly king, and to have an earthly kingdom. You see, his kingdom is spiritual.
- There is not the first scripture that says Jesus is coming back to this earth to reign.
- My kingdom is not of this world.
- It's a spiritual kingdom, and its citizens have a spiritual birth.

4 He Arose to Sit on David's Throne

Acts 2:29–36; Acts 2:37–38

- When Christ was raised from the grave, he would be raised to sit on David's throne.
- Jesus Christ is reigning over a spiritual kingdom, God's people still, but people who've been born again.
- God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.
- Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.
- Repenting of your sins, being baptized. That's the time at which you are born again.

5 Power Over Nature: Walking on the Water

John 6:16–21; Matthew 14:28–30

- They see Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the ship, they were afraid. But he saith unto them, It is I, be not afraid.
- Now this one shows his power over nature. He could walk on the water.
- Only the Son of God can do that. Man cannot walk on the water.
- Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water, and he said, Come.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Keep your eyes on him. As long as Peter looked at him, he could walk on the water. When he turned to the wind and the waves, he grew fearful and sank. And we'll sink also if we take our eyes off of him.**

MY NOTES