John Lesson 17

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INTRODUCTION

- A person can search the Bible and not come to the understanding of truth.
- The fault is not because the Bible cannot be understood, but because some people have a closed mind, a closed heart when they search the scriptures.
- 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 Only Seven Signs Are Recorded in This Book

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 6.
- What we're looking at with John chapter 6 is the beginning of the last year of the Lord's personal ministry on earth.
- What he is telling us are the things that will convince us that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
- These are written that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you might have life through his name.
- John did not tell us every miracle Jesus worked, but he selected certain signs.

2 Feeding the Five Thousand: Power Over Quantity

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

- The feeding of the five thousand, as being a power over quantity. He could take so little, and yet feed so many.
- Two hundred penny worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little.
- The number was not just total five thousand, but the total was five thousand men plus women and children.
- 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.
- This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.

3 Jesus Refused to Be an Earthly King

John 18:36–37; Luke 17:20–21; Acts 2:29–38

- 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.

- My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight that I should not be delivered to the Jews.
- It's a spiritual kingdom, and its citizens have a spiritual birth.
- When Christ was raised from the grave, he would be raised to sit on David's throne.
- You can put him into your life as your king by obeying him. Not by looking forward to an earthly throne, but rather by serving him in obedience to his will.

4 Walking on the Water: Power Over Nature

John 6:16–21; Matthew 14:22–33

- 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.
- John is really trying to tell us from a doctrinal point of view who Christ is.
- 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. It was a miracle. It's a sign.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **How do you receive him? Is he your king? Are you really willing and ready to obey him as your Lord?**

MY NOTES