

## Lesson X.

## JESUS THE BREAD OF LIFE

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John 6 : 26-37. Study John 6 : 22-51—Memory Verses, 32, 33.

**Golden Text**—Jesus said unto them. I am the bread of life—John 6 : 35.

26 Je'sus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.

27 Labour not for the meat which perisheth but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

28 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?

29 Je'sus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

30 They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work?

31 Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.

32 Then Je'sus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Mo'ses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.

33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the

world. 34 Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.

35 And Je'sus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

36 But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not.

37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

The day after the feeding of the five thousand, the people found that neither Jesus nor His disciples were with them on that side of the Sea of Galilee. For the disciples had crossed the night before in a boat, and Jesus had followed them, walking on the sea. So the multitude entered into boats, also, and crossed over to the city of Capernaum, looking for Jesus. When they had found Him, they asked curiously, "Master, when and how did you cross over the sea?"

Jesus knew that they had not followed Him because they thought He was the Messiah and wished to hear more of His teachings, but because they had been fed by a miracle, and hoped that perhaps more of their bodily wants would be supplied by Him again in the same way. So He said to them, "Do not be over anxious about your daily food, which cannot last, but strive to get from Me spiritual food, which will give you everlasting life."

"But", they said, "what good works must we do to please God?" "Only", answered Jesus, "believe in Me", whom the heavenly Father has sent into the world." "How can we know that God has sent you into the world?" they next asked. "Show us a sign that you are the Messiah. Moses gave our fathers bread in the wilderness, and that was the sign that God was with them."

"It was not Moses, but God Himself, who gave the manna in the wilderness", Jesus answered. "Yet that was not the true bread of heaven. God alone can give you that bread which giveth life unto the world." "Master", many of them cried (not yet understanding what Jesus meant), "give us always this bread". Then Jesus said, "I Myself am the Bread of life; he that comes to Me shall never hunger, and he that believes on Me shall never thirst". For Jesus was speaking, not of bread needed for the body,