God’s Gift of True Bread: The Flesh of the Son of God for the Eternal Life of Chosen Disciples (John 6:22-71)

1. *Jesus exposes those who come to Him wrongly (vv.22-34)*
2. Jesus explains His identity and the essential nature of all true faith in Him (vv.35-40)
   1. Diametrical responses to the identity of Christ as the Bread of Life (vv.35-36; “I Am” statements: 6:35; 8:12; 10:7; 10:11; 11:25; 15:1; 14:6)
      1. The response of desperate dependency on the gracious provision of His person (v.35; cf. John 7:37-39; Isa. 55:1-3)
      2. The response of deliberate disbelief in the face of Christ (v.36)

*“This crowd has witnessed the divine revealer at work, but only their curiosity, appetites and political ambitions have been aroused, not their faith.” (D.A. Carson)*

* 1. Fundamental reasons for the faith and salvation of any (vv.37-40)
     1. The operation of the Triune God undergirds and guarantees the faith and salvation of believers (v.37)
        1. The Father’s gift of a chosen people to the Son (v.37a)
           1. Its specificity (“Every…which the Father gives”)
           2. Its certainty (“will come”)
        2. The Son’s response of receiving these believers (v.37b)
           1. Their coming to Christ evidences their election (“the one who comes to me”).
           2. Their coming to Christ is met with certain reception (“I will never cast out”).
     2. The Son’s devotion to the Father’s desires constrains Him to save elect believers (v.38-40)
        1. The Son’s devotion to the Father stated (v.38)
        2. The Son’s devotion to the Father described (vv.39-40)
           1. By preserving the Father’s elect for the final resurrection (“This is the will of the One who sent me”) (v.39; cf. 6:21; 10:27-30)
           2. By providing eternal life to genuine believers unto the final resurrection (“This is the will of my Father”) (v.40; 3:14-15)

Excursus: *Why does Jesus bring up this topic of God’s sovereignty in salvation to the unbelieving crowd?*

1. Jesus brings this up in order to reveal to people the depths of their (and our) hopeless condition.
2. Jesus brings this up in order to knock the block of any pride or presumption out from under their (and our) feet (cf. 1 Cor. 1:26-29)

1. Jesus brings this up in order to make it crystal clear that, despite the massive unbelief and rejection of this crowd, neither His or the Father’s plans have failed or have been thwarted.

Implications