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 exposits the truth about His sacrificial death and the way it gives life to believers (vv.52-59)
   1. The quarreling crowd (v.52)
   2. The life-providing Christ (vv.53-59)
      1. The provision of eternal life through the flesh and blood of Christ to be consumed by faith (vv.53-57)
         1. The believer’s present possession of eternal life through the flesh and blood of Christ (vv.53-54)
            1. The exclusive means to eternal life—feeding on the sacrifice of Christ (v.53-54a)
            2. The eschatological result of eternal life now—resurrection on the last day (v.54b; cf. 6:39, 40, 44).
         2. The believer’s perpetual union with Christ who is Himself true food (vv.55-56)
            1. The source of this union (v.55)
            2. The nature of this union (v.56)

The action of believers—A persevering dependency on Christ for life (“…abides in me”)

The action of Christ—A perpetual giving of Christ’s life to the believer (“…I in him”)

* + - 1. The believer’s posture of dependency on Christ as mediator of the life of God (v.57)
         1. The eternal life of the Father eternally given to the Son (1:1, 4; 5:26)
         2. The eternal life of the Son given to believers (17:3, 20-23; 14:19-20)
    1. The pointed summary statement (v.58)
    2. The provocative setting “in synagogue” (v.59)