

Deane Church + Lostock Church
w/b **Sunday 2nd December 2018**
John 6:22-40

Jesus the bread of life

In our last study, Jesus performed two miracles: the feeding of the 5000+ and the walking on the water. These, we discovered, point us to who Jesus is: the Christ or Messiah. It is also Passover time (6:4) and thoughts of Moses and hopes of the coming Messiah would have been on peoples' minds. The scene now shifts to the western (Capernaum & Tiberias) side of the lake, where the crowd have caught up with Jesus again.

Read John 6:22-40

1. Bruce Milne (*The Message of John*, IVP) divides verses **26-40** into three sections:

- (i) Jesus speaks about those who **do not** believe.
- (ii) Jesus calls people to faith.
- (iii) Jesus speaks about those who **do** believe.

Try and work out where each section begins and ends.

- 2. What is the crowd's real motive for 'following' Jesus (v26)?
- 3. Think of some modern-day parallels.
- 4. Verse 29 is perhaps the most important verse in this whole passage. What is the most important thing that we are to do in life?
- 5. And what is the result of doing 'the work of God' (....have a look at John 20:31 if you have forgotten)?

6. Is believing hard work? But isn't saving faith a gift from God (vv 37 & 65)?

7. How is Jesus' offer in verse 35 relevant to people, perhaps particularly thinking of teenagers and young adults, in the UK today?



The ruins of 1st century Capernaum today. Here you can walk on the pavements that Jesus walked on 2000 years ago.

The white building on the left is the synagogue and these walls date from the 4th century.

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