

John 6:22–26 (NLT) ²² The next day the crowd that had stayed on the far shore saw that the disciples had taken the only boat, and they realized Jesus had not gone with them. ²³ Several boats from Tiberias landed near the place where the Lord had blessed the bread and the people had eaten. ²⁴ So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went across to Capernaum to look for him. ²⁵ They found him on the other side of the lake and asked, “Rabbi, when did you get here?” ²⁶ Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, you want to be with me because I fed you, not because you understood the miraculous signs.”

John 6:25–27 (NLT) ²⁵ They found him on the other side of the lake and asked, “Rabbi, when did you get here?” ²⁶ Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, you want to be with me because I fed you, not because you understood the miraculous signs. ²⁷ But don’t be so concerned about perishable things like food. Spend your energy seeking the eternal life that the Son of Man can give you. For God the Father has given me the seal of his approval.”

John 6:28–29 (NKJV) ²⁸ Then they said to Him, “What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?” ²⁹ Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.”

John 6:30–31 (NLT) ³⁰ They answered, “Show us a miraculous sign if you want us to believe in you. What can you do? ³¹ After all, our ancestors ate manna while they journeyed through the wilderness! The Scriptures say, ‘Moses gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

John 6:32–34 (NLT) ³² Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, Moses didn’t give you bread from heaven. My Father did. And now he offers you the true bread from heaven. ³³ The true bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴ “Sir,” they said, “give us that bread every day.”

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John 6:35–36 (NLT) ³⁵ Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ³⁶ But you haven't believed in me even though you have seen me.

John 6:40 (NLT) For it is my Father's will that **all** who see his Son and believe in him should have eternal life. I will raise them up at the last day

John 6:47–51 (NLT) ⁴⁷ "I tell you the truth, anyone who believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ Yes, I am the bread of life! ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate manna in the wilderness, but they all died. ⁵⁰ Anyone who eats the bread from heaven, however, will never die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; and this bread, which I will offer so the world may live, is my flesh."

John 6:53–56 (NLT) ⁵³ So Jesus said **again**, "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you cannot have eternal life within you. ⁵⁴ But anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise that person at the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶ Anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him.

The people wanted Jesus to give them food on a daily basis, but Jesus had something much better in mind **...** food that provided eternal life, not just temporal life.

John 6:27 (NKJV) Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for **the food which endures to everlasting life**, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him."

John 6:35 (NKJV) And Jesus said to them, "**I am** the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

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1 Corinthians 11:24–25 (NKJV) ²⁴ and when He had given thanks, He broke *it* and said, “Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” ²⁵ In the same manner *He* also *took* the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me.”

John 6:60–63 (NKJV) ⁶⁰ Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard *this*, said, “This is a hard saying; who can understand it?” ⁶¹ When Jesus knew **in Himself** that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶² *What* then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before? ⁶³ It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life.

Jesus did not come to fill stomachs with food, but to fill lives with the very presence of God.

John 6:68–69 (NKJV) But Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”