**John 6 : 1-15 (PART 1) THE CRISIS IN GALILEE 10/11/2020**

**INTRO: John 6: 1-71 is the most defining passage in all the Scripture related to what real trust in Jesus is all about.**

This one chapter clarifies exactly what God is looking for in you and me. It reveals the greatest act of mercy and the greatest act of judgement. It reveals what we really think and believe about Jesus.

**Ex.** Corvid and the election have revealed the true nature of many hearts. People I thought would never turn their backs on the truth have done so. And people I thought would never have a hunger to know God are heading that way to know Jesus and follow Him as their Savior and King.

You never know till the heat is on what is really in people’s hearts!

 I saw some of you fall on your face at the first but come back to real faith now. I saw some of you stay steadfast through it all because those small strands of daily devotion to Christ held in the storm.

**Ex.** Like the multi-stranded cables that hold up a suspension bridge; your daily walk held up. That is called abiding! John 15.

**TEXT: READ John 6:1-14 (**Explicate verse –by-verse)

Probably entering the third year of ministry. The crowds had never been bigger. He could rule the world from here and put away the Roman oppression. A heaven on earth! Just what the people want!

**Ex.** In their eyes, sin is not that big a problem! They felt it was not at the personal level a man or woman needs to change; it is at the political level that a utopia is made. If everybody had an endless supply of money and health then true happiness would automatically result!

**Back up a bit:** Jesus temptation before He starts His ministry. **Matthew 4:1-10 READ**

The **first** temptation and the **third** one are very important in relationship to John 6.

So if Jesus just wanted power for Himself then this was the best moment to take it!

**But what does He do?** He starts a sifting process to see what was really in the hearts of these people.

**READ John 6:15 Jesus starts to run people away**

You must worship God in Spirit and truth. This crowd had just enough religion to inoculate them from really knowing the real God!

**Ex.** “It was time that the thoughts of many hearts should be revealed; “ “,,, that He might test them, and know what was in their heart,- whether they loved Him for His own sake, or only for the sake of expected worldly advantage.” **A.B. Bruce – “The Training Of The Twelve” 1894**

That many followed Him as a means -to –an- end; He already knew that. He desired to bring that fact home to their conscience!

**Ex.** “ Why do I profess Christianity? Is it from a sincere faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of the world, or from thoughtless compliance with custom, from a regard to reputation, or from considerations of worldly advantage?” **A.B Bruce – “The Training Of The Twelve” 1894**

**The crowd wanted to make a utopic kingdom out of this life!** Many tried and failed with political systems through the years to do so, in that day, and our days.

God is willing and able to meet our temporal needs. But He loves us too much, however, to allow us to live in the allusion that a Utopia can be built here. That all a person needs to be happy are the things this world supplies. **Deuteronomy 8.**

The crowd felt like the problem with this life is that we never have enough of anything! They felt that Jesus could fix that, that He should be to them the divine vending machine! If that falsehood was allowed then it does not take long before we are rocking and kicking the vending machine, demanding it put out more and more!

 It would results in a horrible demonic condition for the people! There deepest need was to deal with personal sin in their life and be forgiven and be in a personal relationship with the Lord.