

Trust Jesus

John 6:22-40

- I. Intro - last few weeks Jesus is saying, "Do you/will you trust me?"
- II. John 6
 - A. *22 On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. 23 Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. 24 So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.*
 - B. *25 When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" 26 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.*
 1. Jesus calls out their motive of why they are actually seeking after him - not b/c of any spiritual reason, but b/c of the free food
 2. After all, they are a poor people! Is Jesus being harsh? Of course they came for free food - wouldn't any of us?
 - a) Compassionate ministry isn't wrong. We should be compassionate, but what we see here is Jesus bringing people from the physical to the spiritual
 - b) E.G. Mikee says that the free food at the outreach is the bait and he's the fisherman
 3. **Jesus sees right through you.**
 - a) Then, he will deal with your deeper need if you let him
 - C. *Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal."*
 1. This sounds a lot like John 4, when Jesus said that the woman could have water that sprung forth into eternity
 2. Food that rots (thing bread from the baker, not bread from the grocery store), but also think mana. Mana didn't last 24 hours
 3. Jesus is talking about a bread that endures - to eternal life
 4. Who can give this bread? The Son of Man, a prophetic Messiah figure from the book of Daniel
 5. Why can the Son of Man give this special bread? Because God the Father has set his seal (e.g. his anointing) on him.
 - a) Let me ask you: When did the Father set his seal on the Son of Man? At the baptism in John 1!

6. Jesus talks like this sometimes, trying get people thinking without telling them everything up front
 7. Work for the bread worth working for
- D. Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?"*
1. Or as it says in NET translation, *So then they said to him, "What must we do to accomplish the deeds God requires?"*
 2. Do you ever write stuff down just to cross it out? Why do we do that?
 - 3. We love checklists.**
 4. Everyone is trying to figure this out. What do I have to do?
 - a) To have normal kids, be a millionaire, get married, not get cancer, to make sure my comfort isn't upset
 5. Spiritually people are asking it too: What do I have to DO to go to heaven?
 - a) Christians, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Agnostics
 6. So if you've ever asked that question, get ready b/c Jesus is about to answer it.
- E. Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."*
1. The work of God is to believe in him whom he has sent.
 2. I don't like the word believe b/c we have watered it down. We believe in the Tooth Fairy or a Leprechaun. That doesn't capture what God wants. He wants trust, surrender, faith!
 - 3. God wants you to trust in Jesus rather than in your religious checklist.**
 4. What work will save you? Trusting in Jesus (his word/deed)
 5. What do you need to do in your trial right now? Trust in Jesus
 6. Should you manipulate your circumstances? No, Trust.
 7. This is what pleases God, what he desires us to do
- F. 30 So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" - John 6:30-31*
1. We know what Jesus means and it seems like he is getting more obvious, but they miss it entirely.
 2. What does this teach us about ourselves? We are kind of idiots.
 - 3. We don't understand what it means to trust.**
 - a) If you need a sign, it isn't trust! (Well, if God does X as a guarantee, then I will trust)
 - b) Ex: "Peter, follow me."; Little boy giving up his lunch for Jesus; Jesus surrendering his life to the enemy trusting God would resurrect him
- G. 32 Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the*

world." 34 They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

1. The deification of Moses. A serious problem. We do it too. We forget that the God of <fill in the personality> is bigger than the personality. Whether that is Moses, Paul, Francis Chan, John Piper, Tim Tebow, whoever.
2. All these blessings come from God, and God has one really big blessing - the true bread from heaven who gives life to the world
 - a) For this culture, bread is life, and they want it.
3. Jesus out tells them that he is the bread of life
 - a) God the Father will give you the real bread from heaven
 - b) The Son of Man will give you the bread that doesn't perish
 - c) You will know the Son of Man b/c the Father anoints him
 - d) This bread gives you life (John's communion passage)
 - e) I am the bread of life
 - (1) I am the Son of Man
 - (a) Anointed by the Father
 - (i) I am sent by the Father

4. God wants to give you true life, and it is found only in the Son of God, Jesus.

5. Seems easy enough, so what's the problem?

H. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe.

1. And you still don't believe me! Why not?

I. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.

1. Because the Father hasn't given you to me
2. If you come, you will believe (v.35) and if you come, I will never cast you out! Why? How can we trust what you are saying, Jesus?
3. How do I know you are worth trusting in, that you are TRUSTWORTHY?

J. 38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. 39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. 40 For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

1. I will tell you why you can trust me: B/C I came from heaven to do the Father's will, and his will is
 - a) That I should raise (complete the salvation) of all who he has given to me, who therefore come to me
 - b) That all who believe will have life!

2. Jesus is trustworthy.

III. Conclusions

- A. First, let's talk about salvation:

1. God wants to give you true life, but it is only found by trusting in the Son of God, Jesus.

2. Our default is to trust in ourselves to earn something rather than trusting in God's provision.

- a) Checklists over faith
- b) Muscling through over prayer
- c) Religion over relationship

3. The work that God wants you to do is to trust in Jesus' finished work.

- a) He lived the life you couldn't live (he was good enough)
- b) He died the death you deserved to do (he died as your substitute)
- c) He rose from the dead, defeating death like a Trojan horse

4. If you trust in him, his work and not your own, you will be saved.

B. Now, let's talk about life.

1. Jesus is trustworthy.

2. Christ-follower, Jesus didn't save you so he could ruin you

a) He is trustworthy.

3. Jesus doesn't discipline you for fun. He is the perfect discipliner. He knows what you need when you need it and it is his kindness that brings you to repentance.

a) He is trustworthy.

4. When you have something that you're afraid to lose, if it is truly good, you shouldn't be afraid to put it in Jesus' hands. He knows best. He is sovereign. He knows the future and all the potential futures

a) He is trustworthy.

5. Since last Sunday re: Greece... When you think about if he calls you to Greece or Czech or SE Asia or Atlantic City what on earth are you going to do and is it b/c he has it out for you:

a) He is trustworthy.

6. What if I die? What if my kids die? What if everyone around me dies? You can trust him. You can trust him with your soul.

a) He said that everyone who comes to him will be raised.

b) He is trustworthy.

7. If you can trust him with your soul, you can trust him with a whole lot of lesser things too.

a) He is trustworthy.

C. Church, **Trust Jesus.**

1. He knows what he's doing. He's a good Father. He's a strong tower. He's so, so good and kind. He is trustworthy.

2. Do you know where you will spend your forever home? Do you have confidence when you die? You can live and die with resolute perseverance. Trust him for your eternity...

3. What are you going through right now? Trust him for today too.

4. *31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? - Romans 8:31-32*