

# The Book of John - 37



Introduction - In **verses 16 through 21**, we were presented with the **Demonstration of the Lord's Power** in the second miracle, **The Walking on the Water**. In the rest of the chapter, we see the Demonstration of His Power in His message.

## **B. The Demonstration of His Power in Message**

1. The Discourse on the Bread of Life. **vs. 22-59**
2. The Discourse with the Disciples. **vs. 60-71**

In **verses 22-24**, we see some preliminary introduction. Notice what the Bible tells us,

**John 6:22–24** *“22 The day following, when the people which stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was none other boat there, save that one whereinto his disciples were entered, and that Jesus went not with his disciples into the boat, but that his disciples were gone away alone; 23 (Howbeit there came other boats from Tiberias nigh unto the place where they did eat bread, after that the Lord had given thanks:) 24 When the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither his disciples, they also took shipping, and came to Capernaum, seeking for Jesus.”*

## The \_\_\_\_\_ For Jesus vs. 22-24

You will remember that the last the people saw of the Savior, He had sent the disciples away in the evening and headed up into the mountain to pray.

(1) The Bible encourages us with the urgency of seeking the Lord—

In **Isaiah 55:6–7**, the Bible says, **“6 Seek ye the Lord while he may be found,**

Some here today **are running out of time on this side of eternity**. The warning is sufficient for us, is it not? We ought to seek the Lord **today— at this moment**. Saying, “I’ll seek the Lord tomorrow is not enough. We must seek the Lord today. The best time to get back to your Bible reading is today. The best time for you to pray is today. Today is the best time to commit your life to the Lord!

(2) The Bible shows us what measure man **seeks for satisfaction**.

The Bible tells us that they were *“...seeking for Jesus...”* (**vs. 24**) Inasmuch it says they *“...took shipping...”* (**vs. 24**)

Here in our text, the evidence is before us that these folks went to great lengths to pursue the Lord.

## The \_\_\_\_\_ Advice vs.26-29

**John 6:26–29** *“26 Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled. 27 Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed. 28 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? 29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.”*

The Lord uses a phrase that signifies great emphasis in these opening words. They are the words, “*Verily, verily...*” There are 25 instances of this solemn phrase in the book of John.

**John 1:51; 3:3,5,11; 5:19; 6:24-26,32,47,53; 8:34,51,58; 10:1,7; 12:24; 13:16,20,21,38; 14:12; 16:20,23; 21:18**

This expression comes from the Greek word ‘Amen’ (ἀμήν). Kittel’s Theological Dictionary states, “When Jesus places Amen before his own sayings, both in the Synoptics and (liturgically doubled) in John, the point is to stress the truth and validity of the sayings by his own acknowledgment of them.”

Not only is Jesus the **Truth**. (**John 14:6**) But He is also the **Amen**. The Amen is often given at the end of a declarative statement— and gives the idea “So be it...” or “I agree...” Jesus Christ not only speaks truth— but He is the Truth... And He is the “So be it...” of all truth. In **Revelation 3:14**, He is given the proper name, **the Amen**, the faithful and true witness.

I am thankful to know that God reveals to us the truth. He uncovers the deceitfulness of our hearts (**Jeremiah 17:9**). We might ask, Why do you seek the Lord? Notice the statement given by the Lord to direct these seekers to the right path.

**John 6:27** *“27 Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.”*

The hymn writer wrote such powerful words when he stated,  
Not the labour of my hands,  
Can fulfill the law’s demands,  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin would not atone,  
Thou must save and thou alone.

The mystery of this life is solved in Jesus Christ.

John Phillips stated in his commentary, *“It is the Son of man who gives everlasting life, “For him hath God the Father sealed.” (vs 27)*

They were interested in some temporary food—the Lord said I have something better than that. The seal spoken about has significance in this conversation. A seal that is set approves and confirms. Much like we would think about a signature, it carries the authority of the one who has sealed the decree. Every Christian is sealed with the Holy Spirit. God’s Spirit indwelling us is the earnest/surety (a promise or agreement made by one party that debts and financial obligations will be paid) of our future estate.

**(2 Corinthians 1:22, 5:5, Ephesians 1:13-14)**

**Romans 8:9** tells us, *“9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now **if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.**”*

In this, we see **approval and confirmation** that we are His. The Lord states, in effect, that I am the One my Father has confirmed.

In **John 3:33**, we remind ourselves of these words from John the Baptist, *“33 He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true.”*

The opposite of that statement is also correct. He that rejects His testimony—in truth set to his seal that God is not true. And so, it is with those who reject the Lord Jesus Christ. They call God a liar.

Notice next the response by the people that betray their misunderstanding.

**John 6:28** *“28 Then said they unto him, **What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?**”*

“Human beings crave to do something for their salvation. Until we are born again, we feel a repugnance, born of our fallen nature, to accept salvation solely as a gift.”  
(Phillips)

The “work” to be done is no work at all, but instead, **believe God’s only begotten Son**. The Lord Jesus Christ’s words in this section, the Savior’s Advice, are summarized in **verse 29**.

**John 6:29** *“29 Jesus answered and said unto them, **This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.**”*