

SUNDAY 18 YEAR B—JOHN 6:24-35

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus was there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. And having found him on the opposite shore, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?”

Jesus answered them, saying: “Amen, amen I say to you, you are looking for me, not because you saw Signs, but because you ate of the loaves of bread and were satisfied. Do what you do not for the food that does not last, but rather for the food that endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give to you, for God the Father has sealed him. They therefore said to him “What must we do, so that what we are doing is the works of God?” Jesus answered them, saying: “This is the work of God: that you should believe in the One whom he has sent.” They therefore said to him, “What are you going to do as a sign, that we may see it and believe you? What are you going to do? Our fathers ate manna in the wilderness, as it is written ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat’”. Jesus therefore said to them, “Amen, amen I say to you: it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the one coming down from heaven, and giving life to the world.” They therefore said to him, “Lord, give us this bread always.” Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. The one who comes to me will never hunger, and the one who believes in me will never thirst.”

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When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,
you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs
but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat.

Do not work for food that cannot last,
but work for food that endures to eternal life,
the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you,
for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,
it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven,
it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven,
the true bread;
for the bread of God
is that which comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life.
He who comes to me will never be hungry;
he who believes in me will never thirst.

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So when the people saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Caper'na-um, seeking Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?"

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.

Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of man will give to you; for on him has God the Father set his seal."

Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?"

Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."

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.'"

Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.

For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven, and gives life to the world."

They said to him, "Lord, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst.