

Problem:

John 5:45-47

Chapter 5 ended with a complaint that the Jews had failed to understand their own lawgiver, Moses. This chapter will attempt to demonstrate the extent of that failure.

Israel wanted Jesus for His provision -and missed Jesus The Provision

The world will accept Jesus the provider - this is why false converts are made in the thousands but God offers Jesus as The Provision

Text:**The Place**

John 6:1 ¶ After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias.

John 6:2 And **a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs** that he was doing on the sick.

*every other Gospel shows the crowd in a favorable light - Matt 14:14-15; Mark 6:34-36; Luke 9:11-12 - why not John
saw signs - John 2:23-25*

The Passover

John 6:3 Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples.

John 6:4 Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand.

- Passover - John 2:13; 6:4; 11:55; 13:1; 1:29

The Problem

John 6:5 Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?"

John 6:6 He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do.

John 6:7 Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little."

John 6:8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him,

John 6:9 "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" (2 kings 4:42-44)

-contrast with disciples noticing need- matt 14:15; Mk 6:35; lk 9:12

deemphasizing disciples role in seeing need because - this is about Israel not seeing it

-needed to learn to rely on God's provision - deut 8:1-4; (1 kings 17:1-16)

The Provision

John 6:10 Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number.

John 6:11 Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, **he distributed** them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted.

John 6:12 And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, **that nothing may be lost.**"

John 6:13 So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten.

John 6:14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed **the Prophet** who is to come into the world!"

John 6:15 ¶ Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, **Jesus withdrew** again to the mountain by himself.

(11) he distributed - contrast -> Matt 14:19; Mark 6:41; Luke 9:16 - focused on unbelief of Israel

(13) 12 baskets - Jer 31:10-14; Rom 11:25-27; -theological point about Israel not satisfied

(14) 'the Prophet - (Deut 18:15) (John 5:45-47)

*(15) withdrew - John 6:2, 26-36 -they were satisfied with bread - **implication -nonbeliever***

The Point

*(12) that nothing be lost - not one **whoever** lost - John 1:9-13; 6:37-40, 64-65; 17:12; 18:7-9;*

*Rom 8:28-32 - **Implication Believer***

Main Idea:

Jesus did not come to be the provider He came to be the Provision

Implication:

non- believer:

God will not satisfy you without Christ
because without Christ there is no such thing.

believer:

This is what its means if you are a whoever - Rom 8:28-32

Christ did not come so you had the possibility to be saved - He came to save you specifically-
how much more will He provide for you

Articles and questions to promote better discussion and further study:

for the non-believer and believer alike - will only Christ satisfy us:

<http://www.desiringgod.org/messages/god-is-most-glorified-in-us-when-we-are-most-satisfied-in-him>

Johns gospel - especially chapter 6 - seems to say a lot about election and predestination- does this hinder preaching the gospel?

<http://www.monergism.com/thethreshold/articles/onsite/misrepresentations.html>

I focused on the phrase repeated numerous times in John "that nothing may be lost" to show that the "whoever's" who believe in Jesus were born of God not of their own doing - this emphasis reminds us that Christ did not die to make us savable but to save us. What does this mean regarding the atonement:

<http://vintage.aomin.org/Was%20Anyone%20Saved.html>