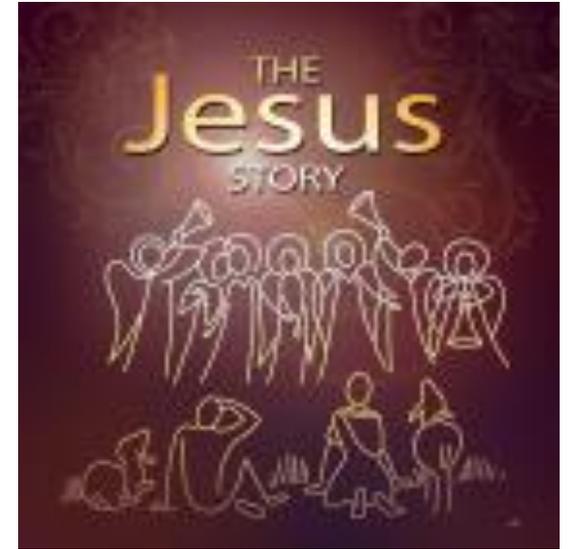


Jesus the Bread of life

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John 6:35-37

35 I am the bread that gives life. If you come to My table and eat, you will never go hungry. Believe in Me, and you will never go thirsty. 36 Here I am standing in front of you, and still you don't believe. 37 All that My Father gives to Me comes to Me. I will receive everyone; I will not send away anyone who comes to Me.

John 6:22-69

- **Why are you following Jesus?**
- **Do you really know who Jesus is?**
- **Do you understand why you are here?**

**Jesus
Disciples
followed him
a long way**



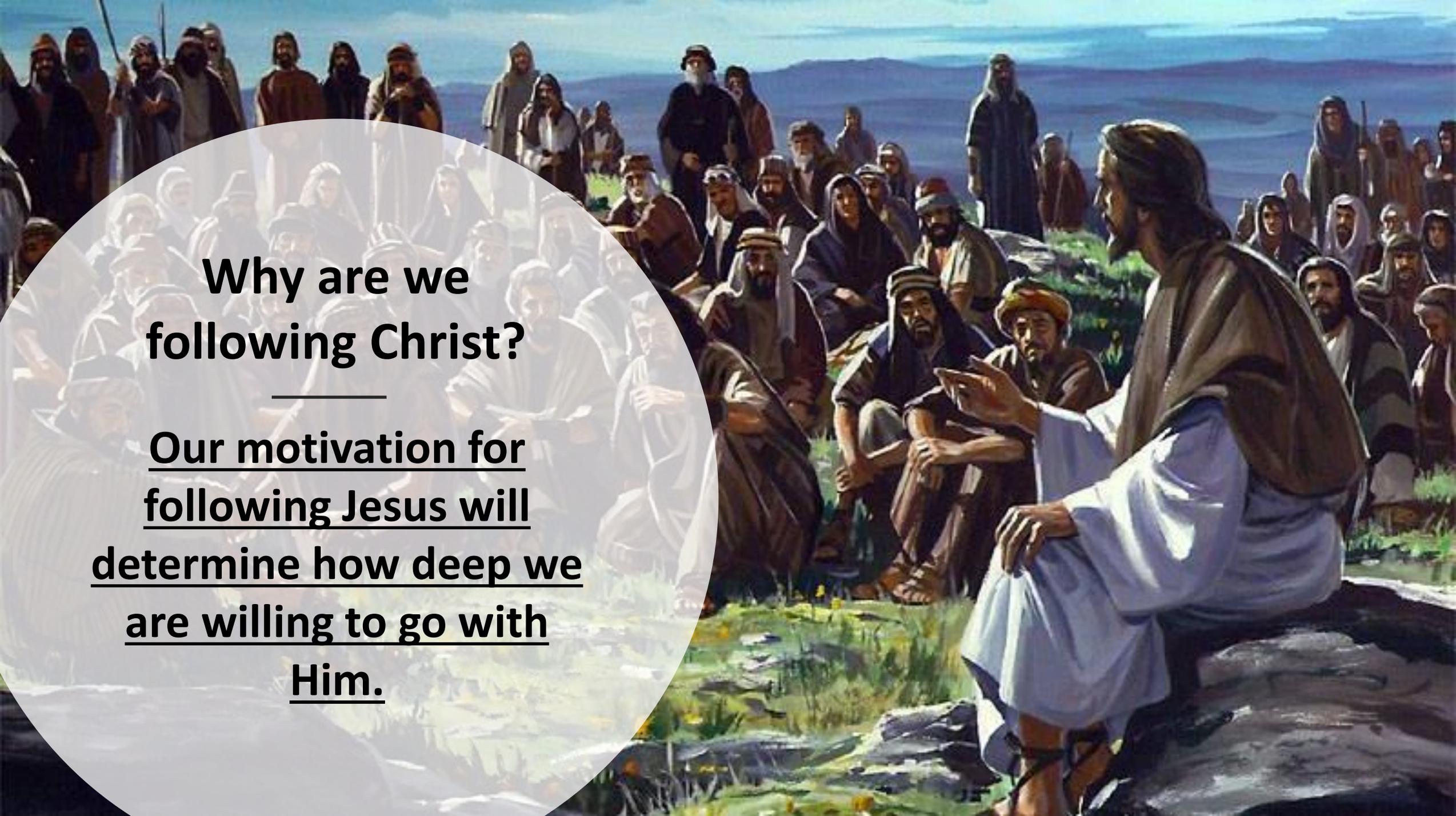
John 6:25-27

²⁵ When they found Jesus across the sea, they questioned Him.

Crowd: Teacher, when did You arrive at Capernaum?

Jesus: ²⁶ I tell you the truth—you are tracking Me down because I fed you, not because you saw signs from God. ²⁷ Don't spend your life chasing food that spoils and rots. Instead, seek the food that lasts into all the ages and comes from the Son of Man, the One on whom God the Father has placed His seal.



A large crowd of people in traditional Middle Eastern attire is gathered in a field. In the foreground, Jesus, with long hair and a beard, wearing a white robe and a brown sash, is kneeling on a rock and pointing towards the crowd. The crowd consists of men and women of various ages, some sitting on the ground and others standing. The background shows a hazy landscape with hills under a blue sky.

**Why are we
following Christ?**

**Our motivation for
following Jesus will
determine how deep we
are willing to go with
Him.**

John 6:29-34

Jesus: ²⁹ If you want to do God's work, then believe in the One He sent.

Crowd: ³⁰ Can You show us a miraculous sign? *Something spectacular?* If we see something like that, it will help us to believe. ³¹ Our fathers ate manna when they wandered in the desert. The Hebrew Scriptures say, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."^[a]

Jesus: ³² I tell you the truth: Moses did not give you bread from heaven; it is My Father who offers you true bread from heaven. ³³ The bread of God comes down out of heaven and breathes life into the cosmos.

Crowd: ³⁴ Master, we want a boundless supply of this bread.

John 6:41-42

"Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 42 They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?'"

John 6:41-43

41 Some of the Jews began to grumble quietly against Him because He said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.”

Crowd: 42 Isn't Jesus the son of Joseph? We know His parents! We know where He came from, so how can He claim to have “come down from heaven”?

Jesus: 43 Stop grumbling under your breaths.

John 6:44-51

44 If the Father who sent Me does not draw you, then there's no way you can come to Me. But I will resurrect everyone who does come on the last day. 45 Among the prophets, it's written, "Everyone will be taught of God." [b] So everyone who has heard and learned from the Father finds Me. 46 No one has seen the Father, except the One sent from God. He has seen the Father. 47 I am telling you the truth: the one who accepts these things has eternal life. 48 I am the bread that gives life. 49 Your fathers ate manna in the wilderness, and they died as you know. 50 But there is another bread that comes from heaven; if you eat this bread, you will not die. 51 I am the living bread that has come down from heaven to rescue those who eat it. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever. The bread that I will give breathes life into the cosmos. This bread is My flesh.

John 6:53-58

Jesus: 53 I tell you the truth; unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you will not know life. 54 If you eat My flesh and drink My blood, then you will have eternal life and I will raise you up at the end of time. 55 My flesh and blood provide true nourishment. 56 If you eat My flesh and drink My blood, you will abide in Me and I will abide in you. 57 The Father of life who sent Me has given life to Me; and as you eat My flesh, I will give life to you. 58 This is bread that came down from heaven; I am not like the manna that your fathers ate and then died! If you eat this bread, your life will never end.

Many of the Disciples Reject Jesus



John 6:66-68

From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

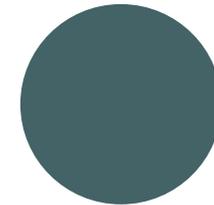
**Jewish
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42 Yet many leaders secretly believed in Him but would not declare their faith because the Pharisees continued their threats to expel all His followers from the synagogue; 43 here's why: they loved to please men more than they desired to glorify God.



John 12:42-43 The Voice (VOICE)



John 6:37;44;64-65

- **37 All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.**
- **44 ‘No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day.**
- **64 Yet there are some of you who do not believe.’ For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. 65 He went on to say, ‘This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them.’**

Do you believe

- **God has loved us enough to send Jesus**
- **..... that coming to Christ was all his idea**
- **That He has enabled us to accept but will not force us to do so**

You choose to believe and follow....

- **Jesus' claim to be the Bread of Life.**
- **It means that Jesus making a direct claim here to be God incarnate.**
- **He says that He alone is the source of everlasting life**
- **He alone can satisfy.**
- **You need to either accept or reject that claim.**

**“Come to
me!”**

