

MIRACLE BREAD OF FLESH & BLOOD

In this lesson, we study the 3rd of four Truly, Truly messianic doctrines recorded in John 6.

1st	Jn.6:30-40	Miracle bread out of Heaven	(vs.32-33)
2nd	Jn.6:41-51	Miracle bread of Life	(vs.47-51)
3rd	Jn.6:52-59	Miracle bread of flesh and blood	(vs.53-58)

At the close of the third Truly, Truly (Jn.6:41-51), Jesus introduced the idea of the Bread of Flesh,

(Jn.6:51b) "And the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh."

In response to it, the scoffing crowd "began to argue with one another saying, 'How can this man give us His flesh to eat?'" (Jn.6:52)

This led to the 4th Truly, Truly messianic doctrine entitled, Bread of Flesh and Blood (Jn.6:53-58).

This lesson will study four aspects of the messianic doctrine of Bread of Flesh and Blood.

1. This is one of six spiritual bread metaphors used by Jesus to describe His sacrificial death on the cross for the sin of the world in John 6.

Remember that the **Bread metaphor** came from the (sign) crowd connecting the feeding of the 5000 to the desert manna that came out of the 1st Truly, Truly (Jn.6:26-31).

I am the True Bread out of heaven (Jn.6:32)	I am Bread that came down out of Heaven (Jn.6:41, 58)
I am Bread of God (Jn.6:33)	I am Living Bread (Jn.6:51)
I am Bread of Life (Jn.6:35, 47)	I am Bread of Flesh and Blood (Jn.6:53-58)

Jesus used this Bread metaphor in the rest of the Truly, Truly messianic doctrines in John 6.

NOTE: By the way, these four Truly, Truly sayings were taught in a Jewish synagogue service in Capernaum (Jn.6:59).

2. The 4th Truly, Truly has been interpreted by some Christian theologians as literal rather than figurative (Jn.6:52-58).

They developed a doctrine and connected it with the Church Eucharist called Transubstantiation. Meaning that when taking the communion bread and cup, the content of bread and cup become the literal flesh and blood of Jesus in the believer.

However, the events recorded in John, Ch. 6 took place before the Last Supper (Jn.13-17) and the context is directed to unbelievers in need of eternal life.

The **Bread of God** was a spiritual metaphor for the sacrificial death of the **Lamb of God** for the sin of the world (Jn.1:29; 1 Pet.1:19; Rev.1:5).

3. Listening to these religious Jews argue about what Jesus was teaching reminded me of the three systems of perception (empiricism, rationalism, and faith).

They were an example of the rationalism of the natural man [The Unbeliever] (Jn.6:28, 30-31, 34, 41, 42, 52) described by Paul in:

(1 Cor.2:14) “But the natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.”

(Jn.6:52) “Then the Jews began to argue with one another, saying, ‘**How can this man give us His flesh to eat?**’”

Crowd: “This is a difficult statement; who can listen to it?” (Jn.6:60)

Jesus: “Does this cause you to **stumble**? **What then if** you see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before? It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; **the words** that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. **But there are some of you who do not believe.**” (Jn.6:61-64)

4. The 4th Truly, Truly messianic doctrine consists of six verses regarding eating and drinking the Bread of Flesh and Blood of Jesus Christ.

Note the six points found in this messianic doctrine of the 4th Truly, Truly.

- (Jn.6:53) Unless you eat and drink Jesus Christ, you have no life in yourself.
- (Jn.6:54) He who eats and drinks Jesus Christ has eternal life and will be raised up on last day.
- (Jn.6:55) Jesus’ flesh is the true food and His blood is the true drink.
- (Jn.6:56) He who eats and drink abides in Jesus and Jesus abides in Him.
- (Jn.6:57) The life of God the Father that is in God the Son is the life in everyone who will believe the gospel of Jesus Christ (1 Cor15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).
- (Jn.6:58) This is the bread that came down out of heaven. Not as the fathers ate and died (manna) [physical]. **He who eats this bread will live forever** (spiritual bread) (Jn.6:33).

(Jn.6:40)

“For this is the will of my Father, that **everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life**, and I myself will raise him up on the last day.”