

John 6:1-24 – The Prophet Like Moses

The Pharisees took pride in being followers of Moses. They put their hope in Moses. They searched the scriptures but they were too busy making up their own rules to actually read and understand what the scriptures said. Moses wrote about the Passover lamb, the tabernacle, the priests and the sacrifices. These were all shadows of the reality which is Jesus Christ. But in Deuteronomy 18, Moses wrote about a prophet whom God would raise up from the people of Israel after Moses. He would be a prophet like Moses and he would speak the words of God. The people were told to listen to this prophet. Jesus was and is this prophet written about by Moses. The Pharisees were commanded by God through Moses to listen to Jesus. Instead of listening to Jesus, they wanted to kill Jesus. John chapter six reveals Jesus as the Prophet like Moses. Jesus is like Moses but chapter six shows that he is far superior to Moses.

Read John 6:1-15.

Where did Jesus go? Notice that there was no mention of the disciples in chapter 5. The disciples are mentioned here. Why did the crowd follow Jesus? (6:1-3)

What time of year did this occur? Is there any significance to this time reference? What did the people celebrate and remember at this time of year? (6:4)

What do we know about Philip from the first chapter of John? What did Jesus do to test Philip? Why do you think he tested Philip? (6:5-7)

What was Andrew's contribution to the discussion? (6:8-9)

How did Jesus feed the crowd of people who were there? (6:10-11)

What did Jesus have the disciple do after everyone had eaten their fill? What was the significance of this? (6:12-13)

How did the people respond to the sign which Jesus did? How did Jesus respond to the people and why? (6:14-15)

Read John 6:16-21.

Describe what happened in these verses.

What is the significance of Jesus walking on water?

Compare and contrast Jesus and Moses.

Read John 6:22-24.

What did the people do on the following day?

Was it admirable that these people were seeking Jesus? Can people seek Jesus for the wrong reasons?