

## RESOLVING MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT JESUS - PART 1

John 6:22-36

**(John 6:22-36)**, “The day following, when the people which stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was none other boat there, save that one whereinto his disciples were entered, and that Jesus went not with his disciples into the boat, but that his disciples were gone away alone; {23} (Howbeit there came other boats from Tiberias nigh unto the place where they did eat bread, after that the Lord had given thanks:) {24} When the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither his disciples, they also took shipping, and came to Capernaum, seeking for Jesus. {25} And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when camest thou hither? {26} Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled. {27} Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed. {28} Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? {29} Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. {30} They said therefore unto him, What sign showest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work? {31} Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat. {32} Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. {33} For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. {34} Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. {35} And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. {36} But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not.”



**S A FAIRLY COMMON EXPERIENCE** in life is to believe that something is true, only to discover at a later time that it is not true at all. Those mistaken beliefs are called **MISCONCEPTIONS**.

**C SOME MISCONCEPTIONS ARE SMALL AND INSIGNIFICANT**. For example, sometimes **little kids** think money originates from their parent’s wallet. It is a sad day for them when they discover that money has to be earned by hard work.

**C SOME MISCONCEPTIONS ARE HUGE AND DESTRUCTIVE. HITLER’S BELIEF** that he would rule the world was a misconception that resulted in the death of millions.

**S THE CROWD FOLLOWING JESUS HAD MANY MISCONCEPTIONS REGARDING JESUS**. We will discover at the conclusion of chapter 6 that the crowd walked away from Jesus because they didn’t agree with what Jesus had to say about Himself. Their misconceptions caused them to reject Jesus.

**S PEOPLE OFTEN REJECT JESUS TODAY FOR MANY OF THE SAME REASONS** that the crowd rejected Him in John 6. THE FRIGHTENING THING IS THAT **MANY HAVE CONCLUDED** their rejection of Jesus is a **small** and **insignificant** thing that doesn’t amount to much. The truth is that their decision left unchanged has **DEVASTATING ETERNAL CONSEQUENCES**. It is of vital importance that they discover who Jesus really is while there is still opportunity to respond.

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ONE OF THE **GREAT DRAMAS** OF THE OLD TESTAMENT SERVES AS **AN EXAMPLE** of people who were **CONVINCED** they were right, only to discover they were absolutely wrong.

**S THE DRAMA** TOOK PLACE ON MOUNT CARMEL BETWEEN **959 FALSE PROPHETS AND ELIJAH** ( 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of Asherah, 1 Kings 18:19). **IF A MAJORITY DETERMINED WHAT WAS RIGHT**, THEN ELIJAH WAS IN DEEP TROUBLE. He was **outnumbered 950 to one**. All Israel gathered on **MT. CARMEL** to observe the events of that day. Elijah spelled out **the plan of action**. Elijah and the prophets of Baal were to each take one bullock for a sacrifice and offer it on their altar at the designated time. The One True God would reveal Himself by consuming one of the sacrifices.

THE PROPHETS OF BAAL **WENT FIRST**. They placed their bull on the altar at **morning time** and cried out to Baal until noon. In an attempt to gain the attention of Baal, they cut themselves with knives. When it became evident to them that nothing was going their way, they tore down Elijah’s altar. They continued in their futile attempt to get Baal to act until the time of the evening sacrifice at three o’clock in the afternoon.

Prior to the evening sacrifice, Elijah **rebuilt** his altar. He placed his **bull** on top of the wood on the altar. He called Israel near so they might

observe. Twelve barrels of **water** were poured over the bull, the wood and the altar.

AT THE TIME FOR THE EVENING SACRIFICE, ELIJAH **PRAYED TO JEHOVAH GOD:**

**(1 Ki 18:36-37)**, “. . . LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word. {37} Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again. {38} Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.”

**GOD ANSWERED:**

**(1 Ki 18:38)**, “Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.”

**ISRAEL RESPONDED:**

**(1 Ki 18:39)**, “And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, ‘**The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God.**’”

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**THE REASON FOR RECOUNTING THAT STORY IS TO GIVE A SPECIFIC EXAMPLE of people who BELIEVED they were ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, only to discover they were absolutely wrong. It took an act of God to convince them, but they were convinced!**

**S THE PEOPLE OF ELIJAH’S DAY ARE AN EXAMPLE OF MANY OF THE PEOPLE IN JESUS’ DAY. THE CROWD IN JESUS’ DAY followed Jesus for many of the same reasons many people followed Baal in Elijah’s day. THEY FOLLOWED BAAL BECAUSE he was a fertility god and they believed that their crops would produce well if Baal was worshiped. Baal worshipers followed Baal because they believed following Baal would put bread on their table.**

**S THE CROWD IN JOHN 6** followed Jesus because Jesus had provided food for them and they wanted Him to continue to provide more food (V. 26). MOST OF THOSE PEOPLE in Jesus’ day **WOULD NOT DISCOVER** how wrong they were **until God’s fire fell on the altar called Calvary and the empty tomb**. It was at the cross and at the empty tomb that God demonstrated that Jesus was truly the Savior of the world (**John 3:16**).

**S THE SAD THING IS** some people never accept who Jesus is in spite of whatever evidence that God has provided.

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**THE SETTING FOR OUR TEXT:**

**(V. 22), “THE DAY FOLLOWING, . . . ”**

- C JESUS HAD FED THE FIVE THOUSAND** the preceding day with two fish and five loaves of bread (John 6:11).
- C** After feeding the five thousand, Jesus constrained His disciples to get into **A BOAT** and go before Him to Bethsaida while Jesus went up a mountain and **PRAYED** (Mark 6:45-46).
- C** The disciples **NEVER MADE IT** to Bethsaida because **A FIERCE STORM** arose on the Sea of Galilee (John 6:18).
- C JESUS WALKED** to the disciples on the water in the middle of the storm (John 6:19).
- C** After Jesus got into the boat, the storm immediately **GREW CALM** and the boat made it **SAFELY TO SHORE** (Mat 14:32).

**THREE IMPORTANT LOCATIONS ARE MENTIONED:**

**(V. 24), “When the people therefore saw that Jesus was NOT THERE, neither his disciples, they also took shipping, and CAME TO CAPERNAUM, seeking for Jesus.”**

**(1) “NOT THERE”** refers to the place where the five thousand had been fed. When the crowd awakened the next morning, they discovered that Jesus was gone.

**(V. 24), “When the people therefore saw that Jesus was NOT THERE, . . . ”**

(2) **"CAPERNAUM"**  
(V. 24), "When the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither his disciples, they also took shipping, and **CAME TO CAPERNAUM**, seeking for Jesus."

(3) **"THE SYNAGOGUE"**  
(V. 59), "These things said he in **THE SYNAGOGUE**, as he taught **IN CAPERNAUM**."

**THE ANCIENT REMAINS** of a synagogue still stand on the location where Jesus taught in Capernaum. Though the walls date some years later than the time of Jesus, we are told those walls would have been built on the same site of the synagogue where Jesus taught in John 6.

### JESUS' AUDIENCE WAS THREEFOLD:

#### (1) **"THE CROWD"**

(V. 22), "The day following, when **THE PEOPLE** which stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was none other boat there, save that one whereinto his disciples were entered, and that Jesus went not with his disciples into the boat, but that his disciples were gone away alone;"

#### (2) **"THE JEWS"**

(V. 41), "**THE JEWS** then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven."

(When John uses the term **"the Jews,"** he is referring to the religious leadership.)

#### (3) **"THE DISCIPLES"**

(V. 61), "When Jesus knew in himself that **HIS DISCIPLES** murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you?" ("THE TWELVE" V. 67)

**SIX EXCHANGES** TOOK PLACE BETWEEN **JESUS** AND **THE JEWS** IN JOHN 6. (Five of those six exchanges were introduced in **THE FORM OF A QUESTION**.)

#1. (V. 25), "And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, **'RABBI, WHEN CAMEST THOU HITHER?'**"  
C JESUS ANSWERED THEM!

#2. (V. 28), "Then said they unto him, **'WHAT SHALL WE DO, THAT WE MIGHT WORK THE WORKS OF GOD?'**"  
C JESUS ANSWERED THEM!

#3. (V. 30), "They said therefore unto him, **'WHAT SIGN SHOWEST THOU THEN, THAT WE MAY SEE, AND BELIEVE THEE? WHAT DOST THOU WORK?'**"  
C JESUS ANSWERED THEM!

#4. (V. 34), "Then said they unto him, **'LORD, EVERMORE GIVE US THIS BREAD.'**"  
C JESUS ANSWERED THEM!

#5. (V. 42), "And they said, **'IS NOT THIS JESUS**, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven?'"  
C JESUS ANSWERED THEM!

#6. (V. 52), "The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, **'HOW CAN THIS MAN GIVE US HIS FLESH TO EAT?'**"  
C JESUS ANSWERED THEM!

(THIS MESSAGE will present **THE FIRST FOUR EXCHANGES** between Jesus and "the Jews." Due to the length of this passage, the remaining two exchanges will not be presented until the next message. Each exchange Jesus had with the Jews **HELPED RESOLVE MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT WHOM JESUS REALLY WAS.**)

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### THE FIRST EXCHANGE BETWEEN JESUS AND THE CROWD:

#### QUESTION #1:

(V. 25), "And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, **'RABBI, WHEN CAMEST THOU HITHER?'**"

S JESUS **DID NOT** ANSWER THEIR QUESTION. HE **IGNORED IT** altogether. **JESUS COULD HAVE MADE A BIG DEAL OUT OF** the fact He had **walked on water** and **calmed the storm**. He could have attempted **to dazzle** the crowd.

**S** **RATHER THAN TRYING TO IMPRESS** THE CROWD, JESUS ALL BUT **OFFENDED** the crowd. He **cut through the chase** and **went straight to the motive** of their pursuits.

JESUS' RESPONSE TO THEM:

**(V. 26)**, "... Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled."

**S** JESUS' **MIRACLES WERE SUPPOSED TO** lead the crowd to commit their lives to Jesus as Lord and Savior. **That was not the effect** the feeding of the five thousand had produced. **OUTWARDLY IT APPEARED** the crowd had followed Jesus for the right reason. **THE REASON JESUS REBUKED THEM** was **JESUS KNEW THEIR MOTIVES WERE NOT PURE**. Jesus knew their **true motives**.

**C** **(1 Chr 28:9)**, "... The LORD searcheth all **HEARTS**, and **understandeth** all the imaginations of the thoughts: . . . "

**C** **(1 Sam 16:7)**, "... Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the **HEART**."

**C** **(Jer 17:9)**, "The **HEART** is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?"

**C** **(John 2:23-24)**, "... Many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did. {24} But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because **HE KNEW ALL MEN**,"

THEIR TRUE MOTIVES:

**(V. 26)**, "... Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but **BECAUSE YE DID EAT** of the loaves, and **WERE FILLED**."

**BECAUSE THEIR SEARCH FOR HIM WAS MISDIRECTED**, JESUS SOUGHT TO **REDIRECT THEIR PURSUITS**:

**(V. 27)**, "Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed."

**S** **TWO KINDS OF FOOD** ARE MENTIONED:

(1) **"MEAT WHICH PERISHES"**

**(V. 27)**, "... Meat which perisheth, . . . "

(2) **(V. 27)**, "... Meat which endureth unto everlasting life . . . "

**S** THE CROWD HAD **WORKED HARD** to find Jesus. They had walked about three or four miles to get to Him. The problem was their **motive** for seeking Jesus was **wrong**. **They wanted bread**. They sought Jesus for the same reasons they sought their jobs. They went to work to put bread on their table, and in like manner, they went to Jesus with the intent of putting bread on their table. In both instances they were working for meat that *perishes*. Jesus was not telling the crowd to quit their jobs. Jesus was telling them to work in such a manner so as to **IMPACT ETERNITY**.

**(Col 3:17)**, "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

**S** ONE PERSON EXPLAINS **WHY HE WORKS** by saying, **"I have to feed my family and pay my bills."** Another person explains why he works by saying, **"I work to bring glory to God."** They both work, but one works with **an eternal purpose**. When he **plows** his field, he plows so as to bring glory to God. When he **builds a house**, he builds it to bring glory to God. When he **helps a neighbor**, he serves to bring glory to God. **BOTH MEN WORK, BUT ONE MAN WORKS IN SUCH A MANNER SO AS TO IMPACT ETERNITY**. He impacts eternity because **JESUS IS AT THE HELM** of His life directing his course.

**(John 6:27)**, "Labor . . . for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, **WHICH THE SON OF MAN SHALL GIVE UNTO YOU: . . .** "

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**THE CROWD** picked up on Jesus' word **"work"** and used it in their **SECOND QUESTION**:

## QUESTION #2:

**(V. 28)**, "Then said they unto him, 'WHAT SHALL WE DO, THAT WE MIGHT WORK THE WORKS OF GOD?'"

- S THE CROWD **WAS NOT PREPARED** FOR JESUS' ANSWER to their question. Had Jesus told them to offer one hundred **SACRIFICES** at the temple, they might have comprehended that command. Had Jesus told them to **TITHE** half of their possessions, that might have made sense.
- S What Jesus said to them was **so far off their page**, they didn't know what to do with it.

## JESUS' RESPONSE TO THEM:

**(V. 29)**, "... This is the work of God, that ye **BELIEVE** on him whom he hath sent."

- S THE THREE KEY WORDS ARE "**BELIEVE ON HIM.**" Jesus was telling the crowd they had to believe on Him. If they wanted to do the works of God, they had to believe on Jesus.
- S SOMEONE MIGHT ASK, "What work can I do to do the works of God?" THE BIBLE'S ANSWER IS, "**BELIEVE JESUS!**"
- S **ARE YOU DOING THE WORK OF GOD?** Someone might answer by saying, "I go to **church.**" People can go to church and still not believe in Jesus. **Judas** is an example. Sometimes people try to answer that question by saying, "I'm **good,**" or "I **tithe,**" or "I take care of my **family,**" etc. Those are all good pursuits, but the question is, "**DO YOU BELIEVE ON JESUS.**"
- S THE SIN FROM WHICH ALL OTHER SINS FLOW IS **UNBELIEF IN JESUS.**  
**(John 16:7-11)**, "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. {8} And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: {9} Of sin, because **THEY BELIEVE NOT ON ME;** {10} Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; {11} Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged."

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THE EXCHANGE CONTINUES. With each passing question the misconceptions of the crowd become increasingly clear.

## QUESTION #3:

**(V. 30)**, "They said therefore unto him, 'WHAT SIGN SHOWEST THOU THEN, THAT **WE MAY SEE,** AND **BELIEVE** THEE? WHAT DOST THOU WORK?'"

- S **A SIGN WAS** something designed to point a person to God. **The problem with signs is** that people often seek the signs rather than seeking God. They seek **the gift** rather than seeking **the Giver.** Jesus said ". . . An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign . . ." (Mat 12:39). **THAT CROWD HAD BEEN GIVEN A SIGN THE DAY BEFORE** when Jesus fed the five thousand and it had not been effective their lives.

THE CROWD SAYS:

**(V. 31)**, "Our fathers did eat **MANNA** in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat."

- S GOD HAD SUPERNATURALLY PROVIDED ISRAEL WITH FOOD CALLED **MANNA** for forty years while traveling through the wilderness (Ex 16:15). **MANNA WAS "a small round thing"** that looked "**like coriander seed**" and **tasted "like wafers made with honey."** THE NAME "**MANNA**" MEANT, "**WHAT IS THAT?**" Can you imagine a traveler coming into the camp of Israel and seeing manna for the first time? I can hear the traveler asking an Israelite, "What is it?" The Israelite says, "What is it!" The visitor says, "No, what is it?" The Israelite again says, "What is it!" The visitor, somewhat exasperated, says, "I want to know what it is." The Israelite said, "I told you, it is *what is it.*"
- S PERHAPS THE CROWD **MENTIONED MANNA** TO INFER that Jesus' miracle of feeding the five thousand fell short of Moses' miracle because Jesus' miracle only lasted for one meal. In their thinking, Jesus was not up to par with Moses. If Jesus wanted them to believe in Him, He would have to do better than just one meal. Jesus would have to give a sign that clearly revealed that He was superior to Moses.

## JESUS' RESPONSE TO THE CROWD:

**(V. 32-33)**, “. . . Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you **THE TRUE BREAD FROM HEAVEN**. {33} For **THE BREAD OF GOD** is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.”

### THREE IMPORTANT FACTS:

- (1) THE MANNA GOD GAVE THROUGH MOSES WAS **PERISHABLE**.
  - Ⓒ If too much manna was gathered, it was subject to decay. In that respect, manna is like any other food today. Many foods come with expiration date fixed indicating the need for quick consumption.
  - Ⓒ **(V. 27)**, “Labor not for the meat which **PERISHETH** ...”
- (2) THE BREAD JESUS GIVES IS **IMPERISHABLE**. IT LASTS **FOREVER**
  - Ⓒ **(John 6:27)**, “Labor . . . for that meat which **ENDURETH UNTO EVERLASTING LIFE, . . .**”
- (3) **JESUS HIMSELF IS THAT BREAD**
  - Ⓒ **(V. 33)**, “For the bread of God **IS HE** which cometh down from heaven, and giveth **LIFE** unto the world.”
  - Ⓒ While manna sustained **physical life**, Jesus sustained **eternal life**.

### EXCHANGE #4:

**(V. 34)**, “Then said they unto him, ‘**LORD, EVERMORE GIVE US THIS BREAD.**’”

- S I can hear the crowd telling Jesus, “**GIVE US THE BREAD!**” “SERVE US RIGHT NOW!” “PROVE YOURSELF RIGHT NOW!”
- S **THEY PUT JESUS ON THE SPOT**. They wanted Him to quit talking and start producing the *goods*. Perhaps they thought Jesus might back down if they pressed the issue.

## JESUS REPEATS HIS RESPONSE TO THEM THREE TIMES:

**(V. 35)**, “. . . **I AM** the bread of life: . . .”  
**(V. 48)**, “**I AM** that bread of life.”  
**(V. 51)**, “**I AM** the living bread . . .”

S **JESUS MADE SEVEN “I AM” STATEMENTS IN JOHN**. EACH OF THOSE SEVEN STATEMENTS LINKED JESUS TO JEHOVAH GOD.

1. “I AM the **BREAD OF LIFE**” (6:35)
2. “I AM the **LIGHT OF THE WORLD**” (8:12)
3. “I AM **THE DOOR FOR THE SHEEP**” (10:7)
4. “I AM **THE GOOD SHEPHERD**” (10:11)
5. “I AM **THE RESURRECTION** and **THE LIFE**” (11:25)
6. “I AM **THE WAY** and **THE TRUTH** and **THE LIFE**” (14:6).
7. “I AM **THE TRUE VINE**” (15:1).

S **MOSES HAD ASKED GOD:**

**(Exo 3:13-14)**, “. . . Behold, **WHEN I** come unto the children of Israel, and shall **SAY UNTO THEM**, ‘The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you;’ and **THEY** shall **SAY** to me, ‘**WHAT IS HIS NAME?**’ what shall I say unto them? {14} And **GOD SAID** unto Moses, ‘**I AM THAT I AM:**’ and he said, ‘**THUS SHALT THOU SAY UNTO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, I AM HATH SENT ME UNTO YOU.**’”

“**I AM**” IS FROM THE HEBREW VERB FOR “**BEING.**” IT MEANS “**TO BE.**” IT IS THE WORD FROM WHICH IS TRANSLATED **YAWEH**, or **JEHOVAH**.

S **JESUS WAS NOT EQUATING HIMSELF WITH MOSES, HE WAS EQUATING HIMSELF WITH GOD!**

Ⓒ **(John 8:58)**, “. . . Verily, verily, I say unto you, BEFORE ABRAHAM WAS, **I AM.**”

Ⓒ **CAIAPHAS ASKED JESUS:**

**(Mark 14:61-62)**, “. . . **Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?** {62} AND JESUS SAID, **I AM:** and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.”

**(V. 35), “. . . I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE: HE THAT COMETH TO ME SHALL NEVER HUNGER; AND HE THAT BELIEVETH ON ME SHALL NEVER THIRST.”**

- S** Jesus is THE ANSWER to all our SPIRITUAL **HUNGERS**. Jesus is THE ANSWER to all our SPIRITUAL **THIRSTS**. If you are **hungry**, come to Jesus and be filled. If you are **thirsty**, come to Jesus and quench your thirst. If you are **weary**, come to Jesus and find rest: **(Mat 11:28-30)**, “Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. {29} Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. {30} For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”
- S** The crowd manifested a problem that is typical of all humanity. **They heard** what Jesus said, **but** they **did not believe** what Jesus said.

**(V. 36), “But I said unto you, That YE ALSO HAVE SEEN ME, AND BELIEVE NOT.”**

IN SPITE OF **ABUNDANT EVIDENCE**, THE CROWD STILL DID NOT BELIEVE IN JESUS. All who **had eyes to see** could have seen. The crowd had **SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE** to believe in Jesus if they had only been willing to believe.

- S** **AFTER THE FIRE FELL ON CALVARY AND UPON THE EMPTY TOMB**, then some of them believed. Some of them cried out at **PENTECOST** and said:

**(Acts 2:37-38)**, “. . . **MEN AND BRETHREN, WHAT SHALL WE DO?** {38} Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”

- S** **THE RESPONSE AT PENTECOST MIRRORED THE RESPONSE AT CARMEL IN MANY RESPECTS.**

**(1 Ki 18:39)**, “And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, ‘**The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God.**’”

- C** EACH OF US **MUST DECIDE** WHETHER TO LABOR FOR **bread that perishes**, or whether we labor for bread which **endureth unto everlasting life**, which the Son of man shall give unto you (V. 27).
- C** **JESUS DOESN'T LEAVE ANY WIGGLE ROOM REGARDING HIMSELF.** Either Jesus is who He claimed to be, or else He is a deceiver. If He is Lord, then He should be received as God and Savior.