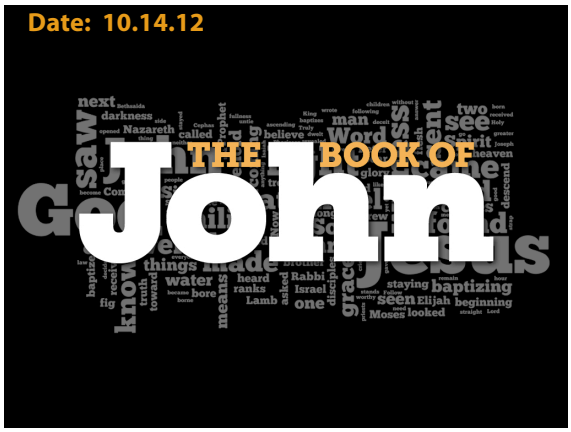

On the heels of Jesus mimicking the power of Jehovah to produce food for His people (see Numbers 11), the crowd reacted with the consistency of the "rabble" (see Numbers 11:4) by seeking to "make Jesus King by force" (John 6:14). The miracle of Jesus' feeding should have been sufficient to inspire the recognition that Jesus IS King but, given the crowd was filled with their own self-righteousness, the crowd sought to manipulate Jesus for its own ends, freedom from Roman rule.
Jesus refused to be a "puppet king" and separates the disciples from the crowd and revealing that He is the King of all creation (see 6:16-21). In separating the disciples from the crowd, Jesus creates two distinct groups. It is from this point forward that John the Apostle paints a picture of two groups of people, those who follow Him (the disciples) and those who do not (the "crowd"). Today, we will consider three distinguishing marks of those who choose to trust Jesus and those who choose to trust in themselves. In our time today, our hope is that we will all find a renewed determination to fight for our satisfaction to be found in Jesus.

Big Idea: What you believe to be true will be seen in what you do.

A true disciple:

I. Responds with obedience – v.22

II. Is given the power of His presence– vv.23-25

III. Hopes in the promise of His approval – vv. 26-29

John 6:22-29

On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. 23 Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. 24 So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.
25 When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" 26 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. 27 Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." 28 Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" 29 Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."

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