



Jesus Came to Do the Father's Will

For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. John 6:38 (ESV)

John 6:35-40 (ESV) Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ³⁶But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸**For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.** ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me; that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

The Father's Will for the Son:

1. To Be the Bread of Life – (to be the "Manna" in the wilderness)
 - a. The Manna is a picture of Jesus
 - i. Manna fell in the **WILDERNESS OF SIN** when the people were in **REBELLION**. (Ex. 16:1-4)
 - ii. Manna is the **TESTIMONY** of the **GLORY** of God (Ex. 16:7 & 10)
 - iii. Manna **CAME** to **THEM**; it fell around the camp (Ex. 16:13)
 - iv. Manna provided **LIFE** and met Israel's daily **NEED** (Ex. 16:21-22)
 - v. They could have **AS MUCH** or **AS LITTLE** Manna as they wanted (Ex. 16:16-18)
 - b. Jesus is the true bread from heaven
 - i. Manna was for Israel; Jesus is for the whole world
 - ii. Manna faded away; Jesus is forever
 - iii. Manna sustained life, but Jesus is the life giver

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2. To Receive and Keep Secure the Gift Given by the Father
 - a. **John 17** – The Lord's Prayer – Seven times Jesus speaks of the gift given to him from the Father
 - i. 17:2 – "to give eternal life to all whom you have given him"
 - ii. 17:6a – "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of this world..."
 - iii. 17:6b – "...you gave them to me..."
 - iv. 17:9 – "...I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me..."
 - v. 17:11 – "Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me..."
 - vi. 17:12 – "...I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them..."
 - vii. 17:24 – "Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me..."
 - b. He will keep them all secure – Eph. 1:13, 4:30; II Tim. 1:12, II Tim. 2:19

Jesus came to earth to do his Father's will. Jesus is the life giver, Jesus is the life changer, Jesus is the focal point of all time: past, present, future.

Song from the 1970's that was adapted from a sermon by Dr. James Allen Francis, given in 1926.

Born in an obscure village, he was the child of a peasant woman. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was 30 years old and then for three years he traveled around the country, stopping long enough to talk and listen to people and help them where he could. He never wrote a book, he never recorded a record (or even a mp3), he never went to college, he never ran for public office. He never had a family or owned a house; he never did anything that usually accompanies greatness. He had no credentials but himself.

But when he was only 33 years old, the tide of public opinion turned against him and his friends all rejected him. When he was arrested, a very few wanted to have anything to do with him. After his trial he was executed by the state along with admitted thieves; only because a generous friend offered him his cemetery plot was there a place to bury him. This all happened over nineteen centuries ago and yet today he is the leading figure of the human race, the ultimate example of love. Now it is no exaggeration to say that all the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever set sail, all the rulers that have ever ruled, all the kings that ever reigned on this earth, all put together, have not affected the life of man on this earth like this one solitary life.

Bible Reading

- Sun. John 16 Mon. John 17 Tues. John 18
- Wed. John 19 Thurs. John 21
- Fri. John 21 Sat. 1 Thess. 1 Sun. 1 Thess. 2