

The Events of John 6...

- With a huge crowd (20,000) gathered around Him, Jesus miraculously multiplies one little boy's lunch creating enough food to feed the entire throng—with leftovers—which stirs up the giddy, full-bellied people to call for His coronation *6:1-15*
- That evening, as his disciples set out by boat to cross the Sea of Galilee towards Capernaum, a fierce storm sweeps in causing panic, but Jesus miraculously walks across the choppy water to come to their aid, calming their fears and speeding them to their destination *6:16-21*
- The next day the crowds—hungry again—are looking for Jesus, but after failing to find Him they surmise that He must've gone over to Capernaum to meet up with His disciples, so they head there too hoping He will supply them with another free meal *6:22-25*
- The people find Jesus in the synagogue at Capernaum, where He proceeds to engage them in a long dialogue that ends up turning many against Him, so that only a small remnant remains *6:26-71*

WHY IT TURNED OUT SO BADLY

- #1 Because Jesus kept **PROVOKING** the people with increasingly perplexing claims.
- #2 Because Jesus was impugning their **MOTIVES** for seeking Him.
- #3 Because Jesus wouldn't allow Himself or His divine power to be USED by people to merely satisfy their fleshly **APPETITES**.
- #4 Because Jesus continued to puncture their **PRIDE** in their performance-based approach to pleasing God.

- #5 Because Jesus kept claiming that He and His Father were superior to **MOSES** and their other Jewish forefathers.
- #6 Jesus kept claiming that God was His Father, and that He was sent from **HEAVEN** by God.
- #7 Jesus kept insisting that everyone's eternal destiny hinged on their **RESPONSE** to **HIM**.
- #8 Because Jesus kept elevating His Father's **SOVEREIGNTY** in salvation, while still holding people responsible to believe.
- #9 Because Jesus just wasn't turning out to be the kind of **MESSIAH** that the people had expected, wanted, or hoped for.

HOW IT TURNED OUT SO BEAUTIFULLY

God was working through His Son's words and deeds to provoke the opposition and incite them against Jesus so that they would eventually call for His **EXECUTION** as a blasphemer.

Jesus was continuing to reveal His glory through miraculous signs so that those whom God was drawing to Christ would see and **BELIEVE**.

Jesus was demonstrating to The Twelve that He would be faithful to Provide for them in seasons of **DEPLETION** and be Present with them in seasons of loneliness and **FEAR**.

Even when it seems like the devil is winning, God is **GREATER** and is actively working to accomplish His mysterious purposes.

Jesus was continuing to bring people to a Point of Decision regarding His **IDENTITY** and enabling them to confess their faith.