

# JESUS SOWED SEEDS OF FAITH

## JOHN 6:1-21

*How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)*

BACKGROUND: “Because he is merciful, he offers us faith. How tragic if we turn faith into a deed and try to develop it on our own! We can never come to God through our own faith any more than His Old Testament people could come through their own sacrifices. Instead, we must accept his gracious offer with thanksgiving and allow him to plant the seed of faith within us.” Life Application Study Bible, Chart “What is Faith” in Romans, Chapter 1.

**ALL COULD SEE.** Jesus’s divine miracles revealed that He was God. As I look at a small thing, such as the maneuverability of my hand, or see the awesome sunsets over Lake Pontchartrain, my faith soars! I must sit as these thousands did and let Jesus satisfy my hunger to know Him more and more. (**John 6:1-13, fn 6:5-7, fn 6:13, Romans 1:19, 20, fn 1:19, fn 1:20[1<sup>st</sup>], Psalm 19:1-6, fn 19:1ff, Romans 10:17, Philippians 3:7-14, fn 3:12-14**) *How did you come to faith in Christ, and how could your faith be increased?*

**NOT ALL RECEIVED.** To be captain of your soul and master of your worldly kingdom, you need a god that is useful for your selfish ambitions. Jesus cannot be received in order to obtain moral goodness or political power. Instead, He is to be received as Savior and Lord of your life, and then He enables you to be a part of His eternal kingdom. (**John 6:14, 15, Matthew 11:11, 12, fn 11:11, Luke 17:20, 21, fn 17:20, 21, John 1:12, 13, fn 1:12, 13, Colossians 1:12-14, fn 1:12-14, fn 1:13**) *Why did Jesus decline being a political king?*

**ONLY ONE PRACTICED HIS FAITH.** All the disciples had seen Jesus perform many miracles, and they had even been on a missionary journey; but in this turbulent circumstance, it seemed to them that they were in danger of drowning. They did not practice their God-given faith to believe He was in control, and therefore they didn’t experience his peace. Only Peter trusted Jesus to save him from the sea. Then, as long as he kept his eyes on Jesus and not on the circumstances, he was able to walk on the water! (**John 6:16-21, fn 6:18, fn 6:18, 19, Matthew 14:22-32, fn 14:28, Romans 8:34-39, fn 8:35-39, John 14:27, fn 14:27**) *How could you experience God’s peace in turbulent situations?*

*Are you taking time to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit with the Living Word teaching you and giving you His joy, His love, and His peace?*

