

**The Real Thing – John 6:22-71**  
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**Introduction**

*When they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, “Rabbi, when did You get here?” Jesus answered them and said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. “Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal.” Therefore they said to Him, “What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?” Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent.” (John 6:25–29).*

Coca-Cola used to have a commercial with the slogan, “The Real Thing.” That is absurd of course. The movie the Matrix asked the question, “What is real?” If you ever have seen the movie you know the difficulty that came in answering that question. It is still a valid question for today. What is real?

John 6 is one of the great chapters in the Bible because it dares to reveal “the Real Thing.” Jesus, “the Real Thing,” talked about “the Real Thing.” Could anything be more practical?

**I. The Cross (6:30-35)**

*So they said to Him, “What then do You do for a sign, so that we may see, and believe You? What work do You perform? “Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread out of heaven to eat.’ “Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven. “For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world.” Then they said to Him, “Lord, always give us this bread.” Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst. (John 6:30– 35)*

Jesus was most real at the cross. Read Philippians 2:5–11. The heart of God, the reality of realities, was revealed there. Jesus came and died for man! The cross is real.

**II. The Unseen (6:41-47)**

*Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal. (2 Corinthians 4:16-18)*

The real is the unseen. Anything you can see is not real! This is why sin is so deceptive.

### **III. The Resurrection (6:52-58)**

*and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death (Philippians 3:9-10)*

Have you ever seen a resurrection? Would this not arrest you? Would you not listen to and follow Him? One look into heaven destroys the worth of our earthen toys and trinkets. Paul called our materialism “dung.” If we could just get one glimpse of “the Real Thing.” All of these things we devote our lives for are dung! Garbage! Junk! They are not real!

### **IV. The Church (Romans 5:10)**

*For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. (Romans 5:10)*

The church is now the only “Real Thing” on earth. Jesus is head over all things to the church, His body. Jesus, “the Real Thing,” lives in His body, the church! The life of Christ is found in the church of Christ.

*I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. “I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly.” (Galatians 2:20-21)*

### **Conclusion**

*As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew and were not walking with Him anymore. So Jesus said to the twelve, “You do not want to go away also, do you?” Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life. (John 6:66–68).*

The only real thing is Jesus! Where else could you go?