

John Six: the outline of the homily

There is no agreed outline among scholars. This is an attempt to pay attention to some indicators in the text itself.

Homily Introduction

John 6:30 So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" **31** Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, '**He gave them bread from heaven to eat.**'" **32** Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. **33** For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." **34** They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Homily Part I: BREAD

John 6:35 Jesus said to them, "**I am the bread of life.** Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. **36** But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. **37** Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; **38** for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. **39** And 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. **40** This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

Homily Part II: FROM HEAVEN

John 6:41 Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "**I am the bread** that came down from heaven." **42** They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, '**I have come down from heaven**'?" **43** Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. **44** No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. **45** It is written in the prophets, '**And they shall all be taught by God.**' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. **46** Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. **47** Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life.

Homily Part III: TO EAT

48 I am the bread of life. **49** Your ancestors **ate** the manna in the wilderness, and they died. **50** This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may **eat** of it and not die. **51** I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever **eats** of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." **52** The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to **eat**?" **53** So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you **eat** the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. **54** Those who **eat** my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; **55** for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. **56** Those who **eat** my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. **57** Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever **eats** me will live because of me.

Homily conclusion

58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors **ate**, and they died. But the one who **eats** this bread will live forever."