

John's Creation



Days 3 and 4



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Food, Bread



Day 3: John 6-7:13

DAY 3

Basic Idea

We expect to find Jesus described in terms of “bread” & nourishment

“For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world... I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.” Jn 6:33-35

Bread from Heaven

DAY 3

John 6:1-37



Beyond the Water

DAY 3

*Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee...
and a great crowd of people followed him Jn 6:1-2*

In order to eat the bread from heaven,
they had to cross a body of water

Jewish Parallel: To eat the manna in the wilderness,
the Israelites had first to cross the Red Sea

Spiritual Parallel: To eat the bread of communion,
one must first cross the waters of baptism

Ancient Parallel: To bear bread, the Earth was first
brought up from the waters that covered it

Whose Passover is it?

DAY 3

Law of Moses	John's Gospel
<p><i>Eat it in haste; it is the <u>LORD's Passover</u>.</i> <i>Ex 12:11</i></p>	<p><i>When it was almost time for the <u>Jewish Passover</u>... Jn 2:13</i></p>
<p><i>The <u>LORD's Passover</u> begins at twilight... <i>Lev 23:5</i></i></p>	<p><i>The <u>Jewish Passover Feast</u> was near. <i>Jn 6:4</i></i></p>
<p><i>An alien... who wants to celebrate the <u>LORD's Passover</u>... <i>Num 9:14</i></i></p>	<p><i>When it was almost time for the <u>Jewish Passover</u>... <i>Jn 11:55</i></i></p>

Heavenly Communion

DAY 3

Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee... and a great crowd of people followed him Jn 6:1-2

Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and the men sat down, about five thousand of them. Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. Jn 6:10-11

Only those who had crossed 'beyond the water' and followed Jesus' instructions on the other side shared bread from heaven with him

Gathering Fragments...

DAY 3

“Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.” Jn 6:12



**Bread:
A Biblical symbol
for God’s Word**

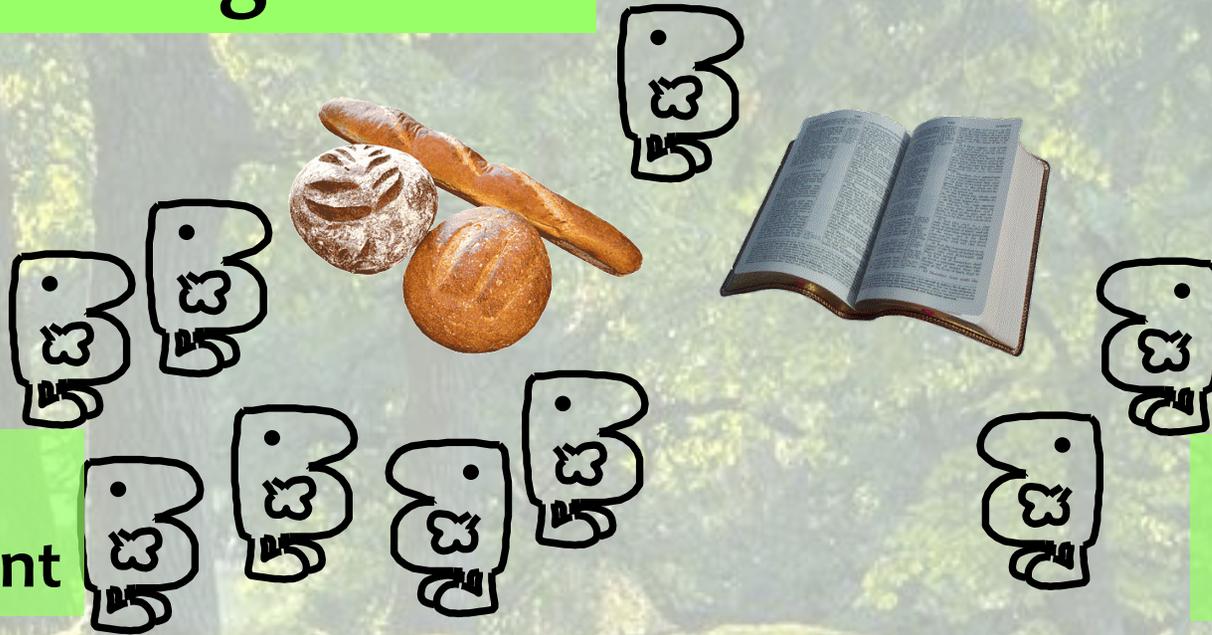


“Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.” Matt 4:4

But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. Matt 13:23

... that Nothing be Lost

DAY 3



Natural
Nourishment

Spiritual
Nourishment

So Jesus is saying: Do not let the words of God “fall to the ground”: i.e. be wasted

Historic Parallel

The LORD was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of his words fall to the ground. 1 Sam 3:19

Current Parallel

All the words of God must be taken in: not just those which ‘suit the appetite’ at the time.

Fruit in its Season

DAY 3

Physical bread: available at certain times and seasons

Each morning everyone gathered as much [manna] as he needed, and when the sun grew hot, it melted away. Ex 16:21

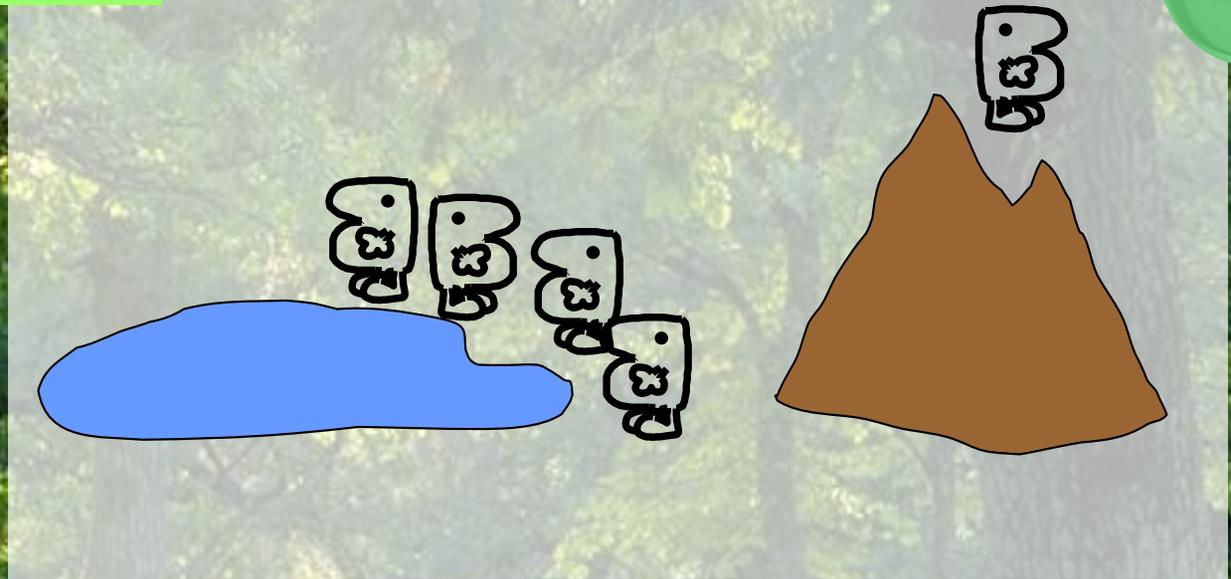
I will send you rain in its season, and the ground will yield its crops and the trees of the field their fruit. Lev 26:4

Spiritual bread: permanently available

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry... and whoever comes to me I will never drive away." Jn 6:35, 37

Divided Company...

DAY 3



As Jesus leaves his disciples, it grows dark

[Jesus] departed again into a mountain himself alone. And when even was now come, his disciples went down unto the sea Jn 6:15-16

And it was now dark, and Jesus was not come to them. Jn 6:17

Storm (troubles) come upon the disciples when they go away from Jesus

... Restored by Christ

DAY 3

*When they had rowed three or three and a half miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid." Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading. **Jn 6:19-21***

*For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Rom 8:38-39***

- Miracles aren't used to convert the faithless: **Mt 13:58**
- Jesus can restore divisions we can't

**Components
Vital for life**

HEAVEN

**Jesus is
showing that
we can't live
without him**

Light

1

2

Water / Oxygen

WATERS

3

Bread / Food

EARTH



4



Lights to Rule

Day 4: John 7-13

DAY 4

Basic Idea

- We expect to find Jesus described as the light that rules
- We expect an echo of Day 1: Jesus is the Light, because Day 4 is the extension of God's work in Heaven in Day 1

"I am the light of the world." Jn 9:5

"For judgment I have come into this world" Jn 9:39

Lights to Rule

DAY 4



Babylon

*The stars of heaven and their constellations will not show their light. The rising sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light. **Isa 13:10***

Egypt

*“When I snuff you out, I will cover the heavens and darken their stars; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon will not give its light. All the shining lights in the heavens I will darken over you...” **Ez 32:7-8***

All Nations

*The sun and moon will be darkened, and the stars no longer shine. **Joel 3:15***

**Sun, Moon & Stars are used in the Bible
as symbols of governments and ruling powers**

Lucifer [Morning Star]

DAY 4

You will take up this taunt against the King of Babylon...

*“How you have fallen from heaven,
O morning star [Lucifer], son of the dawn!
You have been cast down to the earth,
you who once laid low the nations!”*

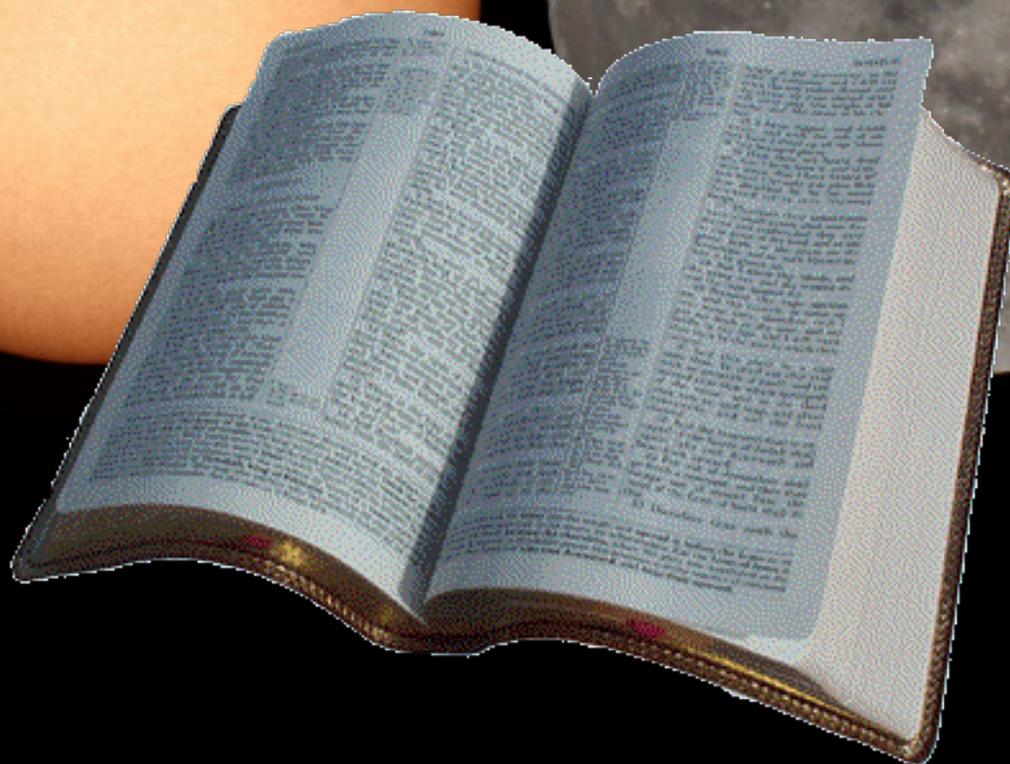
Isa 14:4,12

It's *because* Sun moon and stars = government, that the King of Babylon is represented as the brightest star of the sky

Lights to Rule

DAY 4

John 9



Day 1 Echo: Light & Darkness

DAY 4

Introduction to Israel (Day 1):

12 questions

“Who are you? ...What then? Are you Elijah? ...Are you the Prophet? ...Who are you? ...What do you say about yourself? ...Why then do you baptize? ...What sign? ...In three days? ...Can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into the womb and be born? ...How can these things be?” Jn 1:21-3:9

The Pharisees (Day 4):

12 questions

“Isn’t this the same man who used to sit and beg? ...How then were your eyes opened? ...Where is this man? ...How can a sinner do such miraculous signs? ...What have you to say about him? ...Is this your son? ...Is this the one you say was born blind? ...How is it that now he can see? ...What did he do to you? ...How did he open your eyes? ...What? Are we blind too?” Jn 9:8-40

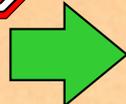
“For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.” Jn 9:39

Deliberate Blindness

DAY 4



“No, he only looks like him.” Jn 9:9



“But he himself insisted, I am the man.” Jn 9:9

“The Jews still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight...” Jn 9:18



“We know he is our son... and we know he was born blind” Jn 9:20

“Give glory to God, they said. We know this man [Jesus] is a sinner.” Jn 9:24



“If this man [Jesus] were not from God, he could do nothing.” Jn 9:33

“You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us! And they threw him out.” Jn 9:34

⇒ 4th objection contradicts 1st & 2nd

⇒ Jesus cannot/will not cure wilfull blindness

In the Dark

Rulers of the feast are clueless; the servants knew

The Pharisees

“Give glory to God, they said. We know this man [Jesus] is a sinner... We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” Jn 9:24,29

The Pharisees are in the dark; they have no idea who Jesus is

In the Light

DAY 4

The man born blind

“If this man [Jesus] were not from God, he could do nothing.” Jn 9:33

The man born blind is illuminated: he knows Jesus is from God

To See? Or Not to See?

DAY 4



His eyes are opened physically

“Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam. so the man went and washed, and came home seeing.” Jn 9:7



He still can't “see” Jesus

“Where is this man?” they asked him. “I don't know,” he said Jn 9:12



His eyes are opened spiritually

“Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

“Who is he, sir?”

“You have now seen him, in fact, he is the one speaking with you.”

“Lord, I believe.” Jn 9:35-38

⇒ **Spiritual perception is not brought about by baptism**

Absolute Authority

DAY 4

Jesus has authority over his own life

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep... No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again.” Jn 10:11,18

Jesus has authority over the lives of others

“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.” Jn 11:25-26

Jesus can raise the dead: ultimate authority

“Lazarus, come forth!” And he that was dead came forth bound hand and foot with graveclothes Jn 11:43-44

**The most powerful human kings only had the power of death
Jesus has power to give life to the dead or death to the living**

The Coming of the King

DAY 4

Jesus is the King...

“Hosanna! ... Blessed is the King of Israel!” Jn 12:13

... described using Lights that Rule

“I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness. As for the person who hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge him. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save it.” Jn 12:46-47

The Prince of this World is Judged

As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night. Jn 13:30