

SERIES: Gospel of John  
**Divine Bread and Sovereign Election**  
John 6:35-40; 44

### Has Jesus Failed?

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  - He is the giver and the **gift**.
  - He is the baker and the **bread**.
- The crowd's hearts are so blind and hard that they refuse to believe in Jesus.
  - Despite our blindness, God is never **frustrated** by human unbelief.
  - Despite our resistance, Jesus never **fails** in saving his people.

### The Elect Have Been **Given** to Jesus by God (6:37)

- God's call to salvation is unconditional.
  - It is not based on **who** we are.
  - It is not based on what we have done.
  - It is not based on **how** we would respond.
- God's call to salvation is effective.
  - This compels **humility** in ourselves.
  - The creates **hope** for others.

### The Elect Will **Come** to Jesus Because the Father Draws Them (6:37, 44)

- We are **unable** to come to God on our own. (John 6:44)
- The Father must draw us to the Son, because we will never come on our own.
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  - God uses his Spirit to draw the elect so they come to Jesus. This is the **internal** call.

### The Elect Are Powerfully **Kept** by Jesus and None Will Be Lost (6:37-39)

- The giving is the powerful work of the **Father**.
- The coming is the powerful work of the **Spirit**.
- The keeping is the powerful work of the **Son**.

### The Elect Will Be **Raised** by Jesus on the Last Day (6:39-40)

- Death appears to be a great loss.
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### How Do We Apply a Doctrine Like This?

- Let the doctrine of election encourage you to **exalt** God.
  - Praise Him for his **mercy**.
    - He would be just to condemn **all** of us.
    - He is gracious to save **some** of us.
  - Pray for the completion of his **mission**.
- Let the doctrine of election encourage you to **examine** yourself.
  - If you are not a Christian, **believe** the gospel!
    - One important question: How can I know if I am one of God's elect?
    - One simple answer: "Everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day."
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