

John 6:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.

Analysis

Jesus corrects their theology: 'Moses gave you not that bread from heaven, but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.' This correction emphasizes that God, not Moses, provided manna, and that manna was merely typical, not ultimate. The present tense 'giveth' indicates current provision of something superior—Christ Himself as the true bread.

Historical Context

Jesus' distinction between Moses as mediator and God as provider counters their Moses-veneration. His emphasis on 'my Father' claims unique relationship with the divine Provider, and 'true bread' indicates manna was shadow, not substance.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How do we sometimes credit human mediators rather than God for His provisions?

2. What makes Christ 'true bread' in contrast to manna or other types and shadows?

Interlinear Text

εἶπεν οὖν αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἀμὴν ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν
said Then unto them G3588 Jesus Verily Verily I say unto you
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οὐ Μωσῆς δίδωσιν ὑμῖν τὸν ἄρτον ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ
not Moses gave unto you G3588 bread from G3588 heaven
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ἀλλ' ὁ πατήρ μου δίδωσιν ὑμῖν τὸν ἄρτον ἐκ τοῦ
but G3588 Father my gave unto you G3588 bread from G3588
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οὐρανοῦ τὸν ἀληθινόν.
heaven G3588 the true G228

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 16:4 (References Moses): Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.

John 6:58 (Parallel theme): This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

John 15:1 (Truth): I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.