

# Readings in JOHN

The study of John 6

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- Read John 6 and compare with Mark 6 (esp. 6:30-52 ) and 8:1-21
- The shape of the discourse on bread in Jn 6; the difference between the Johannine setting and the Synoptic; the function of *signs* in Jn.
- Finding Jn 6 in the Prologue, register of the Gospel's themes. The links between Jn 6 and the structure of the Gospel at large.
- Close scrutiny of the narrative section (the sign itself).
- Read Numbers 11
- 2 Kings 4:42-44
- The scene of Jesus' miraculous crossing of the waters
- The Discourse: its theme
- The Discourse as a rabbinical Sermon
- The Eucharistic words (6: 51b-58)

*For your home study - further guidance in Fr Brown's Commentary on John: particularly on*

## **Bread and Wisdom**

*You can look up the following subjects and areas to illuminate this understanding of bread.*

Manna (esp. in Exodus, Wisdom books, Psalms); Banquet

Amos 8: 11-13; Isaiah 54: 13; 55; 65;

Ecclesiasticus 15: 3; 24:21

Proverbs 9: 5

## **Passover Synagogue Lectionary** *(suggested)*

Gen 3: 3, 22, 24; Ex 16; Num 11; Is 51: 6ff; Is 63:11ff

## **Homiletics**

Compose two homilies, for the 18th and 19th Sundays in Ordinary Time 2000